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Official speaks out about Gitmo

PRISON A former Bush administration official says many Guantanamo detainees are innocent.

Lawrence Wilkerson, chief of staff to then-secretary of state Colin Powell, says many inmates at Guantanamo Bay have been detained only because U.S. officials hoped they would know something important.

He says only two dozen or so of the roughly 800 men held at Guantanamo are terrorists. Wilkerson says he learned of their innocence through State Department briefings and military commanders.

About 240 prisoners remain at the U.S. prison camp. Canadian Omar Khadr is among them.

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Riding the **Recession**

Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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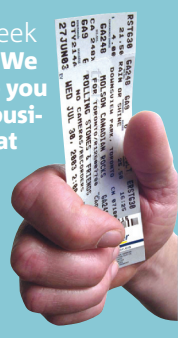

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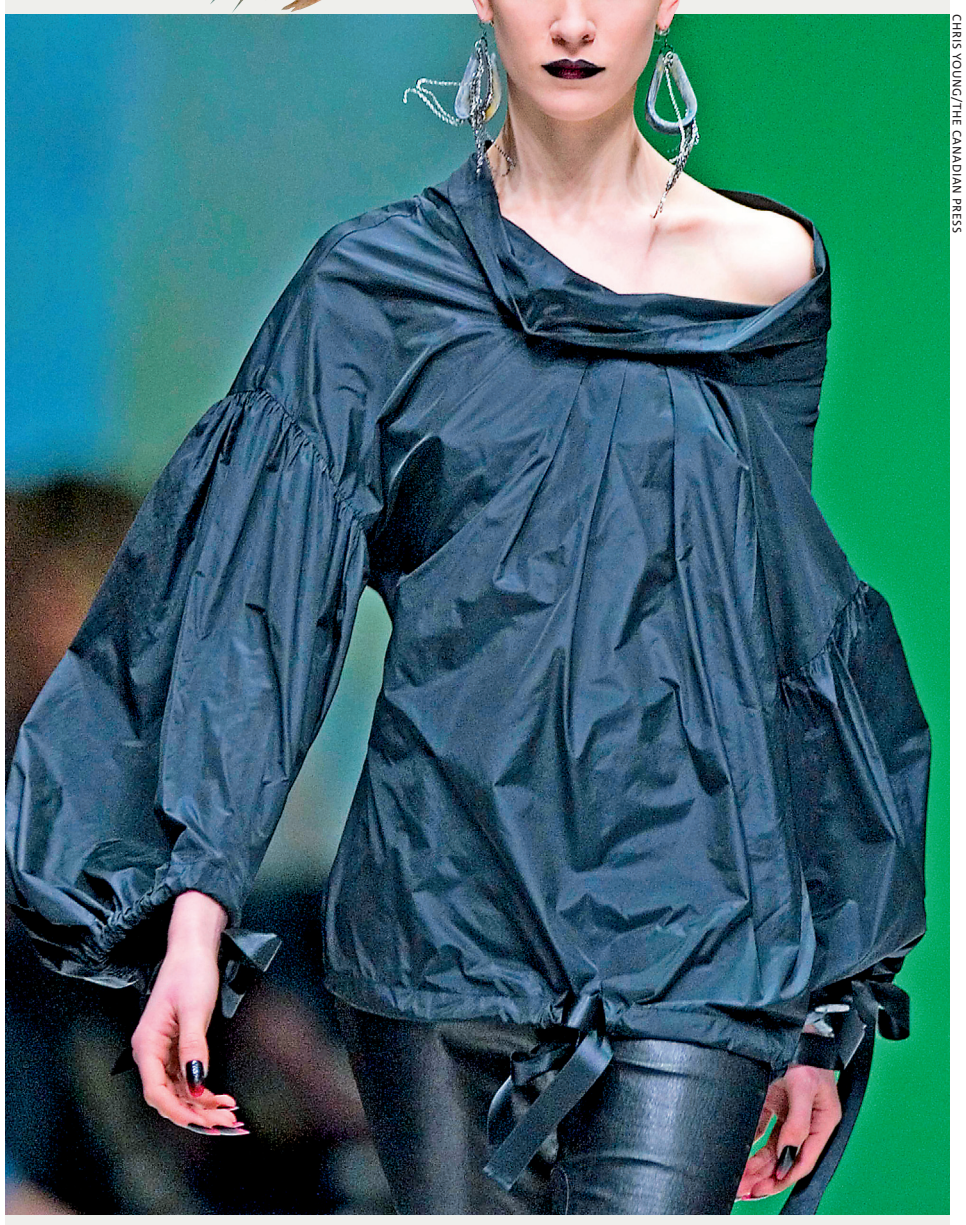

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A model shows a creation by designer NADA Thursday night during Toronto Fashion Week, which wraps up Saturday. **More fashion week coverage, pages 28, 29.**

Foreign flag flap

Opposition says Ontario flags being made in China

A flag fracas was flying in Ontario Thursday after the opposition parties discovered the legislature has started buying its provincial flags from China.

Veteran New Democrat Peter Kormos said like many members of the legislature, he hands out Ontario flags on a regular basis to groups such as the boy scouts, girl guides and various community organizations.

Members of the legislature each have a $1,000 annual budget for Ontario lapel pins and flags, which they order through the government's procurement office, as they do with most office supplies.

Kormos was fuming after learning the procurement office had stopped buying Ontario flags from a Toronto company and outsourced them to China, apparently to save money.

"This is shameful. It's embarrassing. It's pathetic. It's rude," Kormos shouted. "I have no possible way of explaining how frustrating and angry it is for me to discover this."

Kormos said there is no way he will give out Ontario flags bearing a "made in China" label in his Welland riding after so many workers in the province have lost jobs.

Speaker Steve Peters said the government chose a new vendor that sells flags made in Canada as well as China.

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Ancient T-Rex super predator roamed the seas

Scientists from Canada, Britain and Sweden have pieced together the fossils of a super underwater predator dubbed the Tyrannosaurus rex of the Cambrian era.

New research reveals fossils found in the Rocky Mountains nearly a century ago and thought to be parts of other creatures actually belong to a whole new carnivore that roamed the seas 500 million years ago — the hurdia victoria.

Scientists only recently realized American paleontologist Charles Walcott made mistakes cataloguing the treasure trove of fossils he found in British Columbia's Burgess Shale in 1909.

"Back when he found them, he thought they were all separate animals and gave them separate names," said study co-author Allison Daley of Sweden's Uppsala University, who is originally from Burlington.

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Man shot in abdomen

A man is in serious condition after being shot in the abdomen Thursday in Oshawa. The shooting took place just before 3 a.m. at a Merritt Street residence, near Simcoe Street South and Bloor Street East, Durham Region police Insp. Joseph Maiorano said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Crossbows stolen from garage

Halton police are investigating a break-and-enter in which two crossbows were stolen. Police said that between 12 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. the culprits entered a garage using the garage opener obtained from inside an unlocked car in the driveway. The home is located in Halton Hills on Silvercreek Drive. The thieves seized the two bows as well as a number of arrows. They did not attempt to enter the home. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Girl says thanks to shelter

Ten years ago when Briar Rose Perrier was a newborn her mother Bridget Perrier sought refuge at Anduhyaun Aboriginal women's shelter. The family stayed there for 11 months then left.

Yesterday Briar Rose returned to the shelter to give officials there a $2,000 donation — money she had raised with neighbourhood friends, including her best friend, Teyah Aisthorpe, by beading and selling bracelets.

"My mom told me the story about us living in the shelter and I thought, 'Why don't we give them some money for helping us out?'" said Briar Rose, 10, an articulate and thoughtful 10-year-old as she stood in front of the shelter on West-on Road yesterday.

Although the memory of her days there was far from clear, she understood the reasons why they were at the shelter. "I was there because of my mom's boyfriend. They had a fight and they left each other and my mom came here and I stayed here for the first 11 months of my life."

When Briar Rose suggested she wanted to give something back to the shelter, her mom recommended she get a group of friends together and they make bracelets and sell them to raise money for the shelter. Her friends eagerly joined in.

"I thought it would be a really fun experiment to do because Briar had said she had lived here (at the shelter) for the first 11 months of her life," said Teyah. "I feel sad for them (the homeless) and I really want to help them succeed with their dreams."

Since she left the shelter, Briar Rose's mother, Bridget, has turned her life around. She now works as a community support worker, helping people with disabilities find jobs. She also won a YWCA Women of Distinction Award in 2006. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Advocacy group

- Bridget, her two daughters and Teyah are all members of Up With Women, an advocacy group that raises awareness about homelessness and women.

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Briar Rose Perrier, 10 years old , left, and friend Teyah wanted to do something good for the shelter her mother and she lived in after her mother left an abusive relationship.

Explosion rocks condo, leaves residents in the cold

Two explosions "like cracks of thunder" woke Jeff Carino shortly after 2 a.m. yesterday, prompting him to rouse his wife and two children.

"I said, 'Let's pack up and get out.' " the condo owner at 3650 Kingston Rd. recalled a few hours later on a drive-by check of the building's status.

"My folks live down the street and picked us up," he said.

A basement dividing wall blew out and the fire-sprinkler system was damaged, said Toronto Fire division commander Bob O'Hallarn. A hazardous materials unit confirmed no contaminants. Residents could be back in one to several days, he said.

Residents were not allowed back in last night. Today is the earliest they might be let back in, a City of Toronto spokesperson Patria Trott said.

"There are no injuries," Toronto police Insp. Bernadette Button said of the nine-storey condominium building and adjacent townhouses with an estimated population of 500 adults plus children, near Kingston and Markham Road.

"I said 'Let's pack up and get out.' "
Jeff Carino, resident

"We're evacuating the entire building as a precaution," she said.

"The building is structurally sound but there is no power — no fire alarms, no sprinklers, no functioning elevators."

Residents can call 416-266-5501 to check the status of their units. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cops mum on Taser report

INCIDENTS A 71-year-old man and two 15-year-old boys were among the people Tasered by Toronto police last year, new figures indicate.

While the police report says 122 people were Tasered in 2008, it fails to reveal where and when each incident took place and more explicit detail of the events leading up to the confrontations.

Police are refusing to comment on the contents of the 21-page report until it is presented at a March 30 Toronto Police Services Board meeting.

Despite the lack of detail, board chair Alok Mukherjee called it one of "the most fulsome" Taser reports ever created in the country. Nevertheless, he admitted there could be a need for the release of more information in the future. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

SEQUESTERED The jury deciding the fate of a 17-year-old girl accused of murdering Stefanie Rengel retired to a hotel Thursday after 14 hours of deliberations. The three women and nine men are to continue deliberating Friday, their third day since being sent to the jury room at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday. M.T. is charged with first-degree murder for allegedly pressuring her boyfriend to kill the 14-year-old girl. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Crash leaves young man in critical condition

A 20-year-old man is in hospital fighting for his life after he lost control of his car and crashed into two utility poles. The man was driving south on Creditview Road near Rathburn Road West in Mississauga around 12 p.m. Thursday when his vehicle skidded and smashed into a pole. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Singles first to feel pinch

Thomas Sams knew to get to the Churches by the Bluffs food bank early yesterday because there would be a line-up.

Sams, 47, a former film worker, has been on Ontario Works — or welfare — for five years. He was one of the first to collect his food hamper, filled with staples such as pasta, peanut butter and milk, from the south Scarborough food bank.

He is one of 122,320 single people on welfare in Ontario as of February — an increase of 15,537 single cases since November, 2008 when the number of single welfare cases was 107,783, according to the Ontario Social Assistance monthly statistical report.

As of last month, there were 214,363 Ontario Works cases in total. This many cases have not been seen since 2000 when the caseload rose to 215,618 one month, the department says.

"With all the lay-offs, the lack of work, mental health issues, people are just falling apart," said Sams. "People can't afford to spend their money at the grocery store."

Experts say that what Ontario is now seeing is the delayed effect of massive job losses experienced last year as people run out of severance pay, savings or employment insurance.

Crippling job losses in the manufacturing and auto sectors have left Ontario with an 8.7 per cent unemployment rate — higher than the national average of 7.7 per cent. Toronto's unemployment rate is 8.3 per cent.

The first to feel the pinch is usually the single person who often has no other source of income.

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Thomas Sams is 47 years old and on Social Assistance.

MP uninvited from gun toting dinner

Conservative MP Garry Breitkreuz has been dropped from the speaker's list at a convention of firearms enthusiasts, as the Harper government moves to distance itself from a plan to raffle off a semi-automatic handgun as part of the festivities.

Breitkreuz, who has long campaigned to ease federal gun control laws, had been scheduled to address the Canadian Shooting Sports Association next month — until news broke Thursday of the raffle prize: A Beretta PX4 Storm billed as a limited "Canadian edition" of the Italian-designed pistol.

The disclosure drew criticism from the federal Liberals and from a spokesman for Toronto Mayor David Miller, who said politicians should be working to restrict the possession of handguns, not encourage it.

60 The number of gun-related deaths in Toronto last year.

Tony Bernardo, an official with the shooting association, said Breitkreuz made no request to back out of his dinner appearance. But the group saved him the trouble by withdrawing its invitation.

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News in brief

AWARDS The City of Toronto and Green Living have announced the finalists for the 2009 Green Toronto Awards, selected from the largest number of nominations yet received by the city. Some categories include energy conservation, design and awareness. Winners will be announced April 23. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Chrysler offers workers separation deal

AUTO Workers at two closed auto parts plant in Windsor have been offered a separation deal from Chrysler.

The deal offers the 80 laid-off workers of Aradco and Aramco a total of $400,000.

Canadian Auto Workers Local 195 president Gerry Farnham is calling the offer "bittersweet" because the owner of the plants, Catalina Precision Products, has put no money on the table.

Farnham says the union will continue to fight for severance for the employees.

The workers have been blocking Chrysler from getting its equipment at the two plants, and at one point, they occupied the Aradco plant.

Under the agreement, Chrysler will now be allowed to get its equipment and tools from the facilities.

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Battle for top students heats up

EDUCATION In a play for top students as the economy bottoms out, two Ontario universities will give free tuition this fall to high school students with marks in the 90s.

Already Lakehead University in Thunder Bay has seen a 50 per cent jump this year in applicants with high school marks of at least 95 per cent after it pledged to offer them free tuition this year and for each year after that they score at least 85 per cent.

Trent University in Peterborough has received a flood of calls about its recent offer of free tuition.

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Ellard to stay in jail until Supreme Court ruling

Kelly Ellard will have to stay behind bars until the Supreme Court of Canada decides whether she should face a fourth trial in the murder of teenager Reena Virk a dozen years ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Day parole extended

The National Parole Board has extended Robert Latimer's day parole, saying his reintegration into society is progressing well but the special conditions placed on him will remain. Latimer served seven years of a life sentence for the 1993 death of his severely disabled daughter, Tracy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gang life lures teens

Vancouver sees spike in affluent kids turning to crime

Amir Javid didn't climb into the dangerous world of Vancouver's street gangs to escape a rough childhood. He wasn't living in poverty, wasn't raised around crime and drugs.

But a few years after his family immigrated from Iran, at age 15 or 16, Javid helped form one of the gangs that is now waging a bloody war in the Vancouver area, with nearly 40 shootings that have left more than a dozen people dead.

"We simply came together because we had a common fear," says Javid, 26, who left the gang life a few years ago and now does outreach work targeting current and potential gang members.

"Our common fear was, we were a minority and we had to band together as a minority to sort of have some sort of standing."

Raised in a Christian home in Richmond, B.C., Javid didn't have the traditional warning signs that led some to slip into the gang lifestyle: Poverty, a broken home, addiction, mental illness.

And he says there is an increasing number of gang members coming not from the squalor of poverty, but rather well-adjusted and sometimes affluent homes.

"What you're seeing is a spike in affluent families, good solid families," says Javid.

"The gangs are giving these kids the opportunity to get excited about something. These kids have everything in their life, they have a good family, except they don't have that thing that makes them feel worthwhile and appreciated."

What Javid is describing is still the minority of cases, says author Michael Chettleburgh, but there's an increasing number of gangsters in the Vancouver area, more so than anywhere else, who seem to have no obvious reason to enter the dangerous world of crime. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Latest victim targeted: Police

- Police say the victim of Vancouver's latest shooting was targeted. The 33-year-old man was known to police, said RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr. He said the man was found dead in a park in southeast Surrey, B.C., early Thursday. It's too early to tell if the attack was related to gangs or drugs but the man's death brings to 16 the number of people killed in the region since January.

Canada takes step on polar bears

ARCTIC Canada has conceded that a polar bear treaty signed more than 35 years ago is pushing the government to take action against climate change.

Talks this week in Norway on the 1973 conservation agreement have ended with all five countries that signed it concurring that melting sea ice is now the biggest single threat to the future survival of the bears.

"The parties agreed that long-term conservation of polar bears depends on the successful mitigation of climate change," says the signed document.

It's the strongest statement yet by Canada linking melting sea ice with the future of the Arctic predator.

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News in brief

BONUSES CBC executives will still receive half their yearly bonuses in the next fiscal year, and that's not sitting well with the union that represents the thousands of employees bracing for layoffs. The president of the CBC, Hubert Lacroix, sent a memo to staff Wednesday evening in which he announced executive bonuses would be reduced by 50 per cent and executive salaries frozen next year.

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Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams and Natural Resources Minister Kathy Dunderdale speak to reporters Thursday outside the House of Assembly in relation to last Thursday's Sikorsky S-92A crash that killed 17 people.

Chopper went nose down: Investigator

CRASH Preliminary indications suggest that Cougar Flight 491 slammed into the North Atlantic nose down, the lead investigator into the helicopter crash that killed 17 said Thursday.

One week after the tragic accident, officials with the Transportation Safety Board began examining the battered fuselage of the helicopter in an effort to determine what caused the aircraft to plunge so quickly.

"I would suspect that it was basically nose down," the federal agency's Mike Cunningham said in an interview.

"It's in terrible shape," Cunningham said of the fuselage, currently stored at an airport hangar in St. John's. "There's a lot of jagged metal."

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Recorders

- The flight data and cockpit voice recorders were recovered from the Sikorsky S-92A on Tuesday, but Mike Cunningham said investigators haven't had an opportunity to review the information they contain.

Quebec to ride deficits of $7.7B over 2 years

BUDGET To help the Quebec economy hobble through the recession, Premier Jean Charest's government will ride deficits totalling $7.7 billion over the next two years and hike the provincial sales tax in 2011.

Monique Jerome-Forget

Finance Minister Monique Jerome-Forget tabled the Quebec budget Thursday and predicted the province will run four consecutive deficits, beginning with shortfalls of $3.9 billion in 2009-10 and $3.8 billion the following year.

"Frankly, we're going through a major, major crisis right now," Jerome-Forget told a news conference in Quebec City. "This is called a recession."

In Quebec's budget, Jerome-Forget announced plans to prop up the economy with a provincial sales tax hike — to 8.5 per cent from 7.5 — on Jan. 1, 2011.

The province already has one of the highest sales tax rates in the country.

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Man convicted of murder in bridge deaths of four kids

A jury has convicted a man of murdering four young children who were thrown to their deaths from an Alabama bridge last year. The jury deliberated for only about 40 minutes in Mobile before convicting Lam Luong of murder Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Snakes smuggled in minivan's doors

Three Ontario men are facing 34 charges for their alleged roles in an operation that saw protected species sold across the Canada-U.S. border. An undercover investigation into poaching and illegal sales of New York's native turtles, snakes and salamanders has led to charges against 25 people. The trafficking included Massassauga rattlesnakes smuggled from Canada in the door panels of a minivan in exchange for timber rattlesnakes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Naval repair workers join a protest march in Marseille, France, Thursday. A new wave of nationwide strikes by angry workers demanding that French President Nicolas Sarkozy do more to fight the economic crisis hit France.

U.S. House passes tax-clawback bill

VOTE The U.S. House of Representatives has approved 328-93 a bill to slap punishing taxes on big employee bonuses from firms bailed out by American taxpayers. Bonuses, totalling $165 million US, were paid to employees of troubled insurer American International Group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cage fights settled student disputes?

Workers at a Dallas high school staged cage fights among troubled students, making them settle their differences with bare-knuckled brawls in a steel utility cage inside a boys' locker-room, school district documents show.

The principal and other employees at South Oak Cliff High "knew of the practice, allowed it to go on for a time, and failed to report it," according to a 2008 report from the Dallas school district's Office of Professional Responsibility obtained by The Dallas Morning News for a story in its Thursday editions.

The report describes two instances of cage fighting between 2003 and 2005.

Former principal Donald Moten denied the allegations, saying he had nothing to comment on because the fights never happened. But a middle school counsellor who was fired from the high school and has filed a whistleblower lawsuit said Moten and members of the school's security staff encouraged the fights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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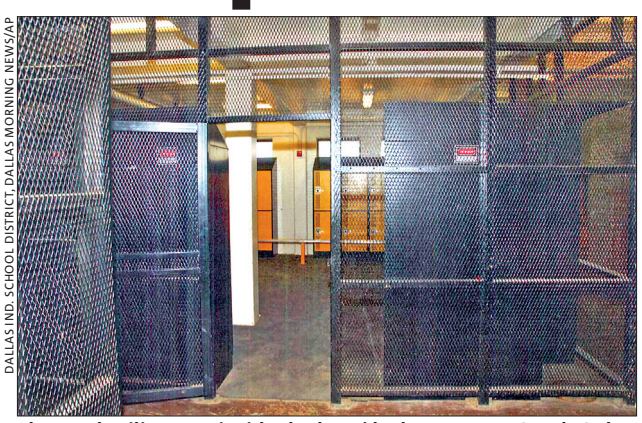

The steel utility cage inside the boys' locker-room at South Oak Cliff High School in Dallas where employees may have staged caged bare-knuckled brawls among troubled students.

Canadian bashes our health-care system

REFORM A Canadian-born economist warned U.S. congressional leaders looking into health-care reform they'd be heading down a costly path strewn with delays and inefficiencies if they emulated Canada.

Ironically, the testimony from Sally Pipes, who once worked for Canada's Fraser Institute, was challenged by a number of Americans who jumped to the defence of the Canadian health-care system.

A member of the subcommittee on health, Lois Capps, challenged Pipes' testimony about long wait times in Canada.

"Canada does have bad wait times, but so does the United States; 23 per cent of adults reported having to wait over six days to get an appointment," she said.

"In addition, 34 per cent of sick adults in America … skipped important doctor visits because of costs. That's way more than the four per cent in the U.K. and the seven per cent in Canada," Capps added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

BLOGGER Rights groups say an Iranian blogger convicted of insulting the country's ruling clerics died Wednesday in Tehran's main Evin prison, his lawyer reported. The rights groups said 29-year-old Omid Mirsayafi suffered from severe depression and died after authorities failed to provide him with proper medical care. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexican military captures cartel leader
Mexican officials say they have captured Vicente Zambada, the security and operations chief of the nation's most powerful drug cartel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Troops allege abuse

Israel to probe reports of Gaza war incidents

Israel's military on Thursday ordered a criminal inquiry into its own soldiers' reports that some troops killed Palestinian civilians, including children, during the Gaza war by hastily opening fire.

Their accounts, published in a military institute's newsletter, echo Palestinian allegations and feed into human rights groups' contention that Israel violated the laws of war. Soldiers also reported the wanton destruction of civilian property.

Published in military newsletter

- An Israeli sniper killed a Palestinian woman and her two children after they misunderstood another soldier's order and turned the wrong way. The sniper was not told the civilians had been released from the house where they were confined.
- An elderly woman was shot dead while walking on a road, even though she was close enough for the soldiers to see whether she posed a threat.

However, Gur Rosenblatt, a reserve infantry major who said he took part in fighting all over Gaza during the offensive, said he witnessed no wrongdoing. "In fact, we risked our own lives in order to protect civilians and their property. Even when Palestinians had rigged buildings with explosives or attacked us from homes we did our best not to harm civilians."

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News in brief

AL-QAIDA Osama bin Laden denounced Somalia's new president, who was elected as part of a peace push in the lawless African country, and urged in a new audio recording Thursday on the Internet for Somali militants to topple him. The 11-and-a-half minute recording was released by al-Qaida's media arm As-Sahab and posted on militant websites known as clearing houses for Islamic messaging.

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Fritzl gets life in psychiatric prison for incest, homicide

SENTENCED Josef Fritzl was convicted of homicide, enslavement, incest, rape and other charges Thursday and sentenced to life in a psychiatric prison for holding his daughter captive for 24 years and fathering her seven children.

Fritzl, 73, sat calmly and bowed his head as the verdicts by the Austrian jury were read. He later told the court he accepted the outcome and waived his right to appeal — bringing a dramatic end to a shocking case that has drawn worldwide attention.

Officials said Fritzl would not be eligible for parole for at least 15 years, and psychiatric experts would have to concur with any decision to free him.

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Don't get shocked by energy salesmen

Marketplace

In an investigation, CBC News: Marketplace has exposed the tactics used by door-to-door salespeople working for some big energy companies.

Most everyone has heard complaints about sales agents selling contracts for natural gas and electricity, and using their powers of persuasion to get you to sign up and lock in to a fixed price. It's a decision that could save or cost you hundreds of dollars.

With so much at stake, the sales people are supposed to follow provincial codes of conduct governing their behaviour during the sales pitch.

The rules state they can't mislead consumers, make false statements, misrepresent who they are, nor can they exert undue pressure.

On the web

How not to get had:
- Read Wendy Mesley's tip sheet on how not to get sucked in by the high pressure sales tactics employed by some.

But during sales pitches caught on tape in a hidden camera investigation, every sales agent is seen overstepping the rules.

One salesperson recorded during the investigation promises that signing up for an electricity contract would lead to savings: "In five years guaranteed. There's no way the price of hydro is going to stay the same as it is today."

In fact, over the last ten years, when comparing the best gas prices of retailers to the prices of the public utility in Ontario, 44 per cent of the time consumers would have lost money by locking in; 56 per cent of the time, they would have saved. As for electricity, consumers have fared far worse. Using Ontario data since August 2005, fully 100 per cent of the time consumers would have lost money by signing up for even the best retailer rate compared to the public utility.

Shane Pospisil of the Ontario Energy Association is a top lobbyist for the industry. He concedes that the pitches caught on camera misrepresent the contract being offered. "We would find this behaviour unacceptable," and adds that "major self-regulatory initiatives [are] underway."

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show, and a regular back-up host with CBC News: The National. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.

Views

Toronto can't be flexible on raising property tax

UrbanCompass

It's not hard to get angry at the Toronto city council's budget proposal to raise property taxes four per cent this year.

When the economy is in the tank, why raise taxes? Neither the province nor that federal government is proposing a tax increase.

Well, the reality is that when the only tax available to it is the property tax, the city doesn't have much choice if it is to meet its budget.

The city must have a balanced budget as it does not have the luxury of incurring a deficit.

But a lot of the problem lies in the rigidity of the property tax.

It is not flexible like income tax, responding automatically to change.

Every time your income goes up, more income tax flows to those governments without them doing a thing.

Here's the example. Police officers in Toronto will see their pay increase by more than three per cent this year. A first-class officer who has been on the police force for five years is currently paid $76,000 a year, so the increase will be about $2,200.

The income tax payable on that extra amount is about $600, and that's extra revenue for those other governments.

Then you look at the city. How will it pay this extra cost for those police officers? Applying last year's property tax rate produces the same total revenue this year as last. It's not flexible.

To pay the wage increases city council must either increase the property tax or cut expenditures by reducing services. City council can't renegotiate wage increases set by an arbitrator.

So until council has the ability to levy flexible taxes such as an income tax or a goods and services tax — and that day may never come — it must increase the property tax rate to pay its bills. That's the trap.

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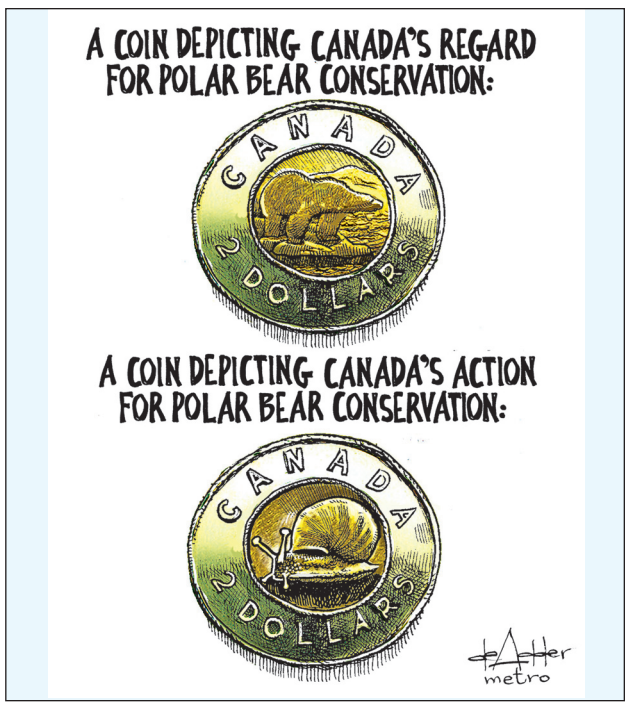

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Business in brief

MARKETS Surging energy and mining stocks were largely responsible for driving the Toronto stock market higher for an eighth straight positive session Thursday. Toronto's S&P/TSX composite index rose 132.6 points to 8,761.7 after gaining 69.5 points Wednesday, adding up to a surge of more than 1,000 points or 14 per cent over the past seven sessions.

CARS Next year's British International Motor Show has been cancelled because car companies feel unable to commit under the strains of the economic crisis, the organizers said.

PAPER AbitibiBowater Inc. shares plummeted Thursday after a report said U.S. banks were balking at a subsidiary's debt restructuring plan.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Inflation now on way up

Prices jump 0.7% in February

Canadian inflation jumped more than expected in February, reversing a five-month trend toward lower prices and calming concerns of deflation.

Statistics Canada reported Thursday a sizable 0.7 per cent price increase from January to February and said the annual inflation rate rose to 1.4 per cent — significant given that inflation had been falling since September.

Leading the charge were food prices, which rose 8.9 per cent in February. Particularly pronounced was the 25.8 per cent spike in fresh vegetables, 9.7 per cent increase in baked goods and cereal, and a 6.1 per cent rise in meat prices.

Although the cost of filling up rose 5.6 per cent last month from January, gas prices were still 19.7 per cent lower than they were a year ago and apply downward price pressure on transportation costs in general.

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In the cities

The annual inflation rate for major cities (previous month in brackets):

- Toronto 1.7 (1.6)
- Montreal 1.0 (0.8)
- Vancouver 1.6 (1.6)
- Calgary 2.4 (1.5)
- Halifax 0.4 (0.2)
- Regina 3.3 (2.9)

FedEx Profit sinks 75 per cent

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Tennessee-based FedEx Corp. plans to cut more jobs and trim wages again as it reported that fiscal third-quarter profit tumbled 75 per cent on severe weakness in the global economy. The courier company said Thursday it earned $97 million US, compared with $393 million US a year earlier.

Auto suppliers to get help?

AUTOS The Obama administration is said to be planning to provide $5 billion US from its Troubled Assets Relief Program to struggling auto suppliers who are linked to Detroit's automakers. The suppliers have sought $25 billion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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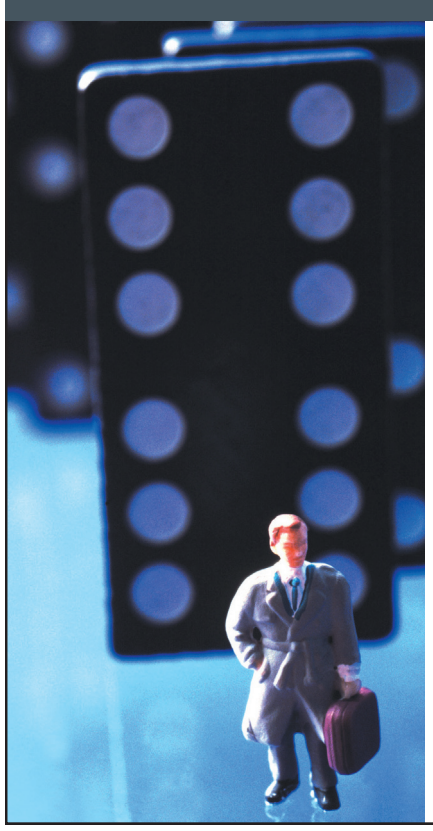

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Wells expected back
Toronto Blue Jays centre-fielder Vernon Wells is expected to return from a strained left hamstring and make his first spring training appearance this year on Friday as a designated hitter. Wells re-injured the hamstring last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Sorenstam pregnant

Not long after stepping away from golf, Annika Sorenstam is stepping into motherhood. Sorenstam announced on her blog Thursday that she and her husband, Mike McGee, are expecting their first child this fall. Sorenstam retired from the LPGA Tour last year after 72 victories and 10 majors, saying she wanted to start a business and a family.
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Panthers sink Leafs

NHL RESULT

Panthers 3 Maple Leafs 1

Stephen Weiss had a short-handed goal and an assist, while Tomas Vokoun made 37 saves in the Florida Panthers' 3-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs Thursday night.

Richard Zednik and Ville Peltonen also scored, and David Booth had two assists to help the Panthers end a four-game losing streak and complete a season sweep of Toronto.

The Panthers hadn't swept Toronto since 1995-96, when they only faced each other twice.

Florida is ninth in the Eastern Conference, a point behind Montreal and Carolina in the race for one of the eight playoff spots.

The Panthers, coming off a 3-0 loss to Washington Tuesday night in which they were held without a shot in the third period, haven't been to the playoffs since 2000.

Mikhail Grabovski scored for Toronto while Martin Gerber made 39 saves.

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Toronto Maple Leaf Luke Schenn falls last night as he battles Florida Panther Gregory Campbell.

Clarkson Cup to be handed out

HOCKEY Adrienne Clarkson expects to feel as triumphant as the victorious hockey players she hands her trophy to Saturday.

After a delay of almost three years, Canada's former governor general will give the Clarkson Cup for the first time to the winner of the Scotiabank National Canadian Women's Championship on Saturday in Kingston.

"I will be there with bells on," Clarkson declared Thursday from Toronto.

The Montreal Stars, Brampton Canadette Thunder, Calgary Oval X-Treme and Minnesota Whitecaps opened the tournament Thursday at the K-Rock Centre. Minnesota edged Montreal 4-3 in the first game.

Montreal and Brampton represent the Canadian Women's Hockey League. The Minneapolis-based Whitecaps and Calgary play out of the Western Women's Hockey League.

Clarkson's ceremonial duties in Saturday's final (TSN, 1 p.m. ET) also include dropping the puck.

"I've never dropped a puck at a hockey game before," she said. "I've always been a little nervous that I would fall down and get run over."

But Clarkson, who served as Canada's governor general from 1999 to 2005, has long been a hockey aficionado. She created a stir during the NHL lockout of 2004-05 when she said women should play for the Stanley Cup since men were not.

At that time, it was suggested to her that she create a trophy in her name for women's hockey, which she did.

After dedicating her trophy to an annual national women's championship in Toronto in 2006, the Cup got caught in a licensing dispute with the artists she'd commissioned to create it. They wanted royalties from any revenue the trophy generated in the future.

"I've never dropped a puck at a hockey game before. I've always been a little nervous that I would fall down and get run over."
Adrienne Clarkson

Clarkson reached a financial settlement with the artists earlier this month.

"I always knew there would be a Clarkson Cup," she said. "I'm happy to give it to Hockey Canada and they've been great about this process."

She hopes the Clarkson Cup will become as iconic to women's hockey as the Stanley Cup is to men's hockey.

"Women really believe in their right to play hockey," she said. "I'm part of the second wave of feminism. The first was the suffragettes.

"You don't know what it was like growing up in the 1940s and 1950s and not being able to do these things."

Clarkson commissioned silversmith Beth Biggs to create the cup. Biggs collaborated with Inuit artists Pootoogook Qiatsuk, Okpik Pitseolak and Therese Ukaliannuk from Nunavut Arctic College in its design.

Clarkson declined to say how much money the trophy has cost her in its creation and legal fees.

"That would be rude and bad to discuss those things," she said.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Ottawa 5 Montreal 4
Florida 3 Toronto 1
Los Angeles 3 Boston 2 (OT)
Washington 5 Tampa Bay 2
Edmonton at Colorado
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Anaheim at Phoenix
Nashville at San Jose

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 95 Dallas 87
Portland at Cleveland
Golden State at L.A. Lakers

NCAA

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EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday Results
At Greensboro, N.C.
Texas 76 Minnesota 62
Duke vs. Binghamton
At Philadelphia
Villanova 80 American 67
UCLA vs. Virginia Commonwealth
Friday Games
At Boise, Idaho
Xavier (25-7) vs. Portland State (23-9), 7:25 p.m.
Florida State (25-9) vs. Wisconsin (19-12), 30 minutes following
At Dayton, Ohio
Oklahoma State (22-11) vs. Tennessee (21-12), 12:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh (28-4) vs. ETSU (23-10), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Saturday Games
At Philadelphia
Villanova (27-7) vs. UCLA-Virginia Commonwealth winner, 1:05 p.m.
At Greensboro, N.C.
Duke-Binghamton winner vs. Texas (23-11), 8:45 p.m.
Sunday Games
At Boise, Idaho
Xavier-Portland State winner vs. Florida State-Wisconsin winner, 2:20 p.m.
At Dayton, Ohio
Pittsburgh-ETSU winner vs. Oklahoma State-Tennessee winner, 2:50 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday Results
At Greensboro, N.C.
LSU 75 Butler 71
North Carolina 101 Radford 58
At Kansas City, Mo.
Michigan 62 Clemson 59
Oklahoma vs. Morgan State
At Portland, Ore.
Gonzaga 77 Akron 64
Illinois vs. Western Kentucky
Friday Games
At Miami
Syracuse (26-9) vs. Stephen F. Austin (24-7), 12:15 p.m.
Arizona State (24-9) vs. Temple (22-11), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Saturday Games
At Greensboro, N.C.
North Carolina (29-4) vs. LSU (27-7), 5:45 p.m.
At Kansas City, Mo.
Oklahoma-Morgan State winner vs. Michigan (21-13), 5:50 p.m.
At Portland, Ore.
Gonzaga-Akron winner vs. Illinois-Western Kentucky winner, 8:10 p.m.
Sunday Game
At Miami
Syracuse-Stephen F. Austin winner vs. Arizona State-Temple winner, 12:10 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday Games
At Dayton, Ohio
Louisville (28-5) vs. Morehead State (20-15), 7:10 p.m.
Ohio State (22-10) vs. Siena (26-7), 30 minutes following
At Miami
Utah (24-9) vs. Arizona (19-13), 7:10 p.m.
Wake Forest (24-6) vs. Cleveland State (25-10), 30 minutes following
At Minneapolis
Kansas (25-7) vs. North Dakota State (26-6), 12:30 p.m.
West Virginia (23-11) vs. Dayton (26-7), 30 minutes following
Boston College (22-11) vs. Southern California (21-12), 7:20 p.m.
Michigan State (26-6) vs. Robert Morris (24-10), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Sunday Games
At Miami
Wake Forest-Cleveland State winner vs. Utah-Arizona winner, 2:40 p.m.
At Dayton, Ohio
Louisville-Morehead State winner vs. Ohio State-Siena winner, 5:20 p.m.
At Minneapolis
Kansas-North Dakota State winner vs. West Virginia-Dayton winner, 2:30 p.m.
Michigan State-Robert Morris winner vs. Boston College-Southern California winner, 5 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday Results
At Kansas City, Mo.
Maryland 84 California 71
Memphis 81 Cal State Northridge 70
At Philadelphia
Connecticut 103 Chattanooga 47
Texas A&M 79 Brigham Young 66
At Portland, Ore.
Purdue 61 Northern Iowa 56
Washington 71 Mississippi State 58
Friday Games
At Boise, Idaho
Marquette (24-9) vs. Utah State (30-4), 12:30 p.m.
Missouri (28-6) vs. Cornell (21-9), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Saturday Games
At Kansas City, Mo.
Memphis (32-3) vs. Maryland (21-13), 3:20 p.m.
At Philadelphia
Connecticut (28-4) vs. Texas A&M (24-9), 3:35 p.m.
At Portland, Ore.
Washington (26-8) vs. Purdue (26-9), 5:40 p.m.
Sunday Game
At Boise, Idaho
Missouri-Cornell winner vs. Marquette-Utah State winner, 4:50 p.m.

Plans approved for Marlins' new home

Miami's City Commission has pushed a $639-million US Florida Marlins ballpark a step closer to reality. Commissioners approved plans Thursday to build the 37,000-seat stadium on the site of the demolished Orange Bowl. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

BASEBALL A U.S. federal prosecutor on Thursday recommended that all-star shortstop Miguel Tejada get probation and no prison time for misleading Congress about the use of performance-enhancing drugs. Tejada, who is to be sentenced March 26, was the 2002 American League MVP with the Oakland Athletics.

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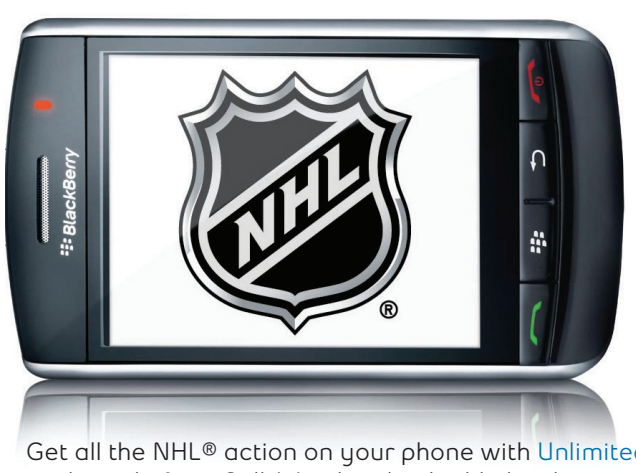

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MLS still growing despite recession

JustSoccer

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Wednesday's press conference to announce Vancouver will join the MLS in 2011 came as no surprise to many. It's a club with a rich history of developing talent and producing winners, and one that had the financial backing, as well as the political support, to make it happen.

And despite the pleas of a few loudmouthed, protectionist soccer pundits who believe it should remain an American league, the MLS made the right decision by expanding to Canada again.

MLS will appease those short-sighted soccer patriarchs, as early as today, when it unveils a long-term vision for the Pacific Northwest and announce Portland as the 18th MLS franchise — which will join in 2011 as well.

Again, really no surprise.

But it was at that same Vancouver press conference that MLS commissioner Don Garber dropped a collective bomb on those watching when he announced the league has plans to expand to 20 teams by 2012.

So what? Well, to make that point clear — it's the beginning of what appears to be a severe recession in the U.S. And at a time when every other major sport in North America is either looking at contraction, job cuts or has no plans for expansion in the near future — soccer is continuing to expand.

The NHL has as many as 10 markets in serious financial trouble. We learned at this year's NBA All-Star break that 12 of its teams will accept a financial bailout from the league to the tune of $200 million. And even the NFL, with its rock-solid business model, appears to have backed off on its near future expansion plans.

That's in contrast to the situation in soccer. Earlier this week, MLSE, which owns Toronto FC, revealed that it is looking to expand BMO stadium by as many as 20,000 seats — which would double the current capacity.

That's music to the ears of the MLS, which is going to anger those poor U.S. soccer patriarchs once again when two Canadian cities — Ottawa and Montreal — become the frontrunners for the 2012 expansion.

• Toronto FC opens their season on the road Saturday against the Kansas City Wizards. Toronto has never won a game in Kansas City. Toronto's home opener is April 4 against the newly-minted expansion club Seattle Sounders FC.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Sunday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca.

Toronto FC eyes first playoff berth

MLS The "to do" list for Toronto FC in the MLS offseason was simple. Score more goals, shore up the defence, improve on the road and add depth to the roster.

Mo Johnston, TFC's director of soccer, made moves accordingly. He traded for star Canadian international midfielder Dwayne De Rosario and signed Argentine striker Pablo Vitti on loan. Canadian international Adrian Serioux was acquired to bolster the defence.

And Johnston enjoyed another good draft in picking up goalkeeper Stefan Frei, midfielder Sam Cronin and O'Brian White. The Canadian forward has been injured in the pre-season but observers say Frei and Cronin have been two of the best players in camp.

Defence remains a bit thin, but Johnston is still looking to deal. And coach John Carver is ebullient ahead of Saturday's season opener in Kansas City.

"The guys are in good condition. Our new additions have fitted in very well, as if they've been there all season," said Carver. "I've gone on record and said it — I've had quite a few pre-seasons now — and I'll put it down as one the best pre-seasons I've had. And the most enjoyable."

Toronto (9-13-8) finished four points out of the playoffs last season, paying the price for an attack that produced just 34 goals in 30 games. Only San Jose (32) scored fewer.

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She's back

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A convoluted romantic-thriller set in the world of corporate espionage, Clive Owen and Julia Roberts are well cast as two global agents-turned corporate spies with a sketchy past in Duplicity. Their onscreen sparks are undeniable.

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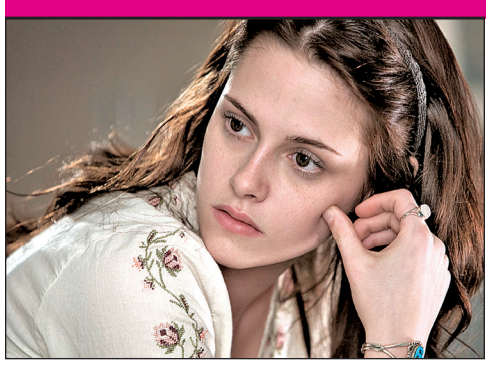

Kristen Stewart somewhat shy of her explosive fame.

Cruise working on MI4

Tom Cruise recently revealed on a Japanese show that he has started work on the fourth installment of the Mission Impossible series already and is currently focusing on putting together a storyline. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Movies

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Raunchy but still romantic

I Love You, Man

Director: John Hamburg
Stars: Paul Rudd, Jason Segel, Jon Favreau
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Paul Rudd and Jason Segel make for an absurdly funny duo in John Hamburg's I Love You, Man.

REVIEW I Love You, Man is a star-filled and unabashed mainstream comedy that leaves the audience feeling pleasant whether they like it or not.

Normally this type of filmmaking can be irritatingly predictable, but writer/director John Hamburg packed his cast with the right talent and toys with conventions just enough to make audiences remember why the well-worn formulas worked so well in the first place.

In keeping with the output of club Apatow, this movie is both realistically raunchy and surprisingly sweet, and features an unironic romantic ending.

Paul Rudd stars as a recently engaged guy with no candidates for his best man. At the encouragement of his fiancée, Rudd embarks on a series of awkward man dates to find a new best friend. What follows is a hilarious and surprisingly insightful portrait of male friendship as well as a gentle parody of romantic comedy conventions with two dudes as the onscreen couple.

It's an uncharacteristically smart variation on the most popular contemporary comedy form, aided by an absurdly funny cast.

Rudd and Segel's small guy/gangly guy duo look like a classic comedy team and their offscreen friendship gives them natural comedic chemistry.

If they were the only funny characters in the movie, it would score consistent laughs, but a vast supporting cast of comedians that includes Jon Favreau, Andy Samberg, JK Simmons, Aziz Ansari and others takes the movie to another level.

Almost every scene contains a moment of hysterical improvisation from the stacked cast, while still retaining a strong structure from Hamburg's clever script.

This may not be a movie with ambitions of greatness and it does have one unfortunately boring straight girl role for Rudd's fiancée, but I Love You, Man still generates enough laughs to be easy crowd pleaser. Plus, it does it all without insulting your intelligence.

This is about as good as mainstream comedy gets.

While the plot is convoluted, Julia Roberts and Clive Owen have undeniable chemistry in Duplicity.

Confusion drags down Duplicity

Duplicity

Director: Tony Gilroy
Stars: Julia Roberts, Clive Owen
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Some films are best tested with a clean slate — that is, if you have no preconceptions about them whatsoever. Duplicity is probably not one of those movies.

For instance, you should know that, contrary to the fact Duplicity was written and directed by Tony Gilroy, it's much less pensive than his directorial debut Michael Clayton. In fact, it plays more in tone like a cross between Ocean's Eleven and Mr. & Mrs. Smith.

Also, be warned — Duplicity has a convoluted plot that, in spite of its lightness, carries the heftiness of a giant.

A romantic-thriller set in the world of corporate espionage, Clive Owen and Julia Roberts are well-cast as two global agents turned corporate spies with a sketchy past.

See, before stumbling into each other in the private world, Roberts romanced Owen before commandeering Egyptian air defence codes in his possession.

Now working on opposing sides of rival pharmaceutical giants, the pair are either rekindling their love or conspiring for revenge against each other — we're never sure, and a constant flood of flashbacks only add to the confusion.

Now there's no denying the chemistry between Roberts and Owen (remember how good they were together in 2004's Closer?) and Gilroy's panache for style and dialogue certainly carries a lot of weight but as clever and adept as his script is at creating uncertainty in his characters' motives, it's also the film's fatal deficiency.

Sure, there is some fun play, but after a while all that (ahem) duplicity between Owen and Roberts feels pretty cumbersome to a simple moviegoer looking for escape on a Friday night.

On the web

Visit:
- metronews.ca/movies for a Duplicity trailer and local screen times.

Knowing too much, too little

Knowing

Director: Alex Proyas
Stars: Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Combining elements of numerology, theology, fatalism and the notion of alien life in what is basically a glorified disaster movie, Knowing accomplishes the improbable combination of giving us way too much and yet not enough.

When his son's school unearths a 50-year-old time capsule, troubled professor John Koestler (Nicolas Cage) comes across an odd document scribbled with seemingly random numbers.

During a bout of whiskey-soaked inspiration, however, Koestler discovers that each set of digits provides the dates and locations of every major disaster that's occurred since the capsule's burial.

Impossible, right? Wrong. And worse, he determines that a few of the dates are about to arrive sending Koestler forth on a race to prevent devastation.

Of course there's more to it than that — like creepy albino humanoids that inexplicably appear in the distance for no apparent reason or the mysteriously-placed black stones that seem harder to clean up than sand in shag carpeting. But many of these strange occurrences, although nifty enough, just seem unnecessarily inconsequential.

No stranger to science fiction, director Alex Proyas (I, Robot) may have been too wrapped up in the mystery of it all to just focus in the area where he truly succeeds: The action.

Nicholas Cage and Rose Byrne are out to prevent disasters in Knowing.

Whether it's the film's remarkable subway wreck or a mesmerizing plane crash, Proyas captures a sense of great intensity in these epic sequences that's sorely lacking in the rest of the movie.

On the web

More on the film:
- For screen times and a Knowing trailer, visit metronews.ca/movies

Pitt, Portman paired in romantic comedy
Brad Pitt and Natalie Portman have signed on for a romantic comedy based on a new book by Leanne Shapton. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Buddy movies a favourite

The new issue of Vanity Fair says Paul Rudd may become "this generation's Jack Lemmon." It's a particularly astute observation given the release of this weekend's I Love You, Man, a buddy comedy co-starring Rudd and Jason Segel. They play an odd couple; BFFs with nothing in common except friendship.

If that set-up sounds familiar, it should. Lemmon was a buddy film pioneer and his popularity helped establish the genre as a top Hollywood moneymaker. As The Odd Couple's Felix Unger he had the classic buddy picture one-liner, "I'm a neurotic nut, but you're crazy," a joke that wouldn't be out-of-place in the third act of I Love You, Man.

Without Lemmon bouncing wisecracks off a mismatched on-screen pal in The Odd Couple, Buddy Buddy and even Grumpy Old Men, there may never have been a Planes, Trains and Automobiles, Pineapple Express or Swingers.

There is an argument to be made that buddy comedies have always been a Hollywood staple.

It could be said that Abbott and Costello or Laurel and Hardy were making buddy comedies long before Lemmon and Tony Curtis donned dresses and camped it up in Some Like It Hot, but for my money the Billy Wilder film about two musicians who witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and flee the state disguised as women sets the template for the modern buddy movie.

The basic formula is there — colliding personalities, wisecracks and comic conflict between the two actors — but more important than any of that is the chemistry between Lemmon and Curtis. Even though every buddy picture relies on tension between the leads, sparks have to fly between them or the whole thing will fall flat. Brett Ratner, director of Rush Hour, calls great chemistry between actors "an explosion in a bottle" and says it's crucial to the success of any buddy pic.

Some Like It Hot, starring Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis is a classic buddy flick.

Since Some Like It Hot, producers have paired up a laundry list of actors searching for the perfect mix. Lemmon and Walter Matthau were journeymen of the genre, co-starring in six buddy pictures ranging from the sublime — The Odd Couple — to the ridiculous — Grumpier Old Men.

Other less iconic one-off on-screen pals include Danny DeVito and Arnold Schwarzenegger as fraternal twins separated at birth in Twins, Blazing Saddles' Gene Wilder and Cleavon Little, and Greg Kinnear and Pierce Brosnan as a down-on-his-luck businessman and a has-been assassin in The Matador.

There are as many kinds of buddy movies as there are kinds of buddies, so why have the movies endured and prospered over the years?

Maybe it's because they make good date movies. Perhaps men like them because they're about male bonding and women like to see how men behave when they're not around. "It's amazing how different things are when guys are with guys and guys are with women," says Barry Levinson, director of the classic male bonding film Diner.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Film explores ethics of celebrity adoption

The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins

Director: Pietra Brettkelly
Stars: Vanessa Beecroft, Greg Durkin, Jeffrey Deitch
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

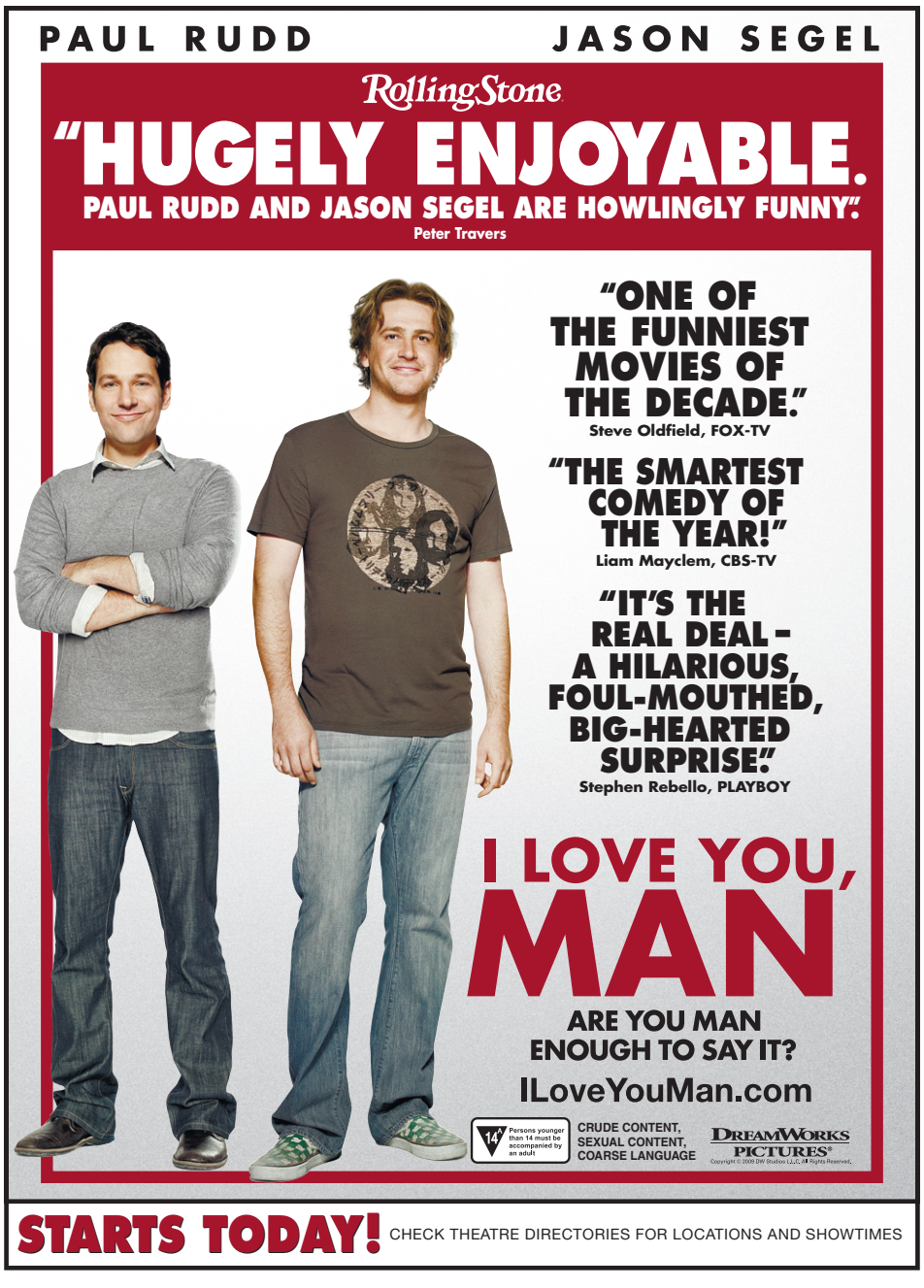
REVIEW Director Pietra Brettkelly's documentary The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins offers both a complex portrait of the mind of an artist and a refreshingly morally complex view of the recent celebrity fad of adopting children from the developing world.

Brettkelly's cameras followed artist Vanessa Beecroft over 16 months during a life-changing trip to the Sudan. Initially the filmmakers hoped to capture Beecroft during an artistic breakthrough as she abandoned her patented live nude tableaus in favor of a more political exhibition about the Sudan.

But upon arrival, Beecroft discovered two orphaned children who she immediately incorporated into her project and decided to adopt. From there the movie becomes an intense investigation of what drives Beecroft as an artist as well as a study of whether or not it is morally right for a celebrity from North America to adopt such children with very little understanding of their world or culture.

Vanessa Beecroft

The necessary dissenting voice in Vanessa Beecroft's desire to adopt comes in the form of her husband Greg Durkin, who was not aware of the adoption until Beecroft had already begun the paperwork. Durkin causes Beecroft to question her cause and his inclusion in the film also gives the audience a peak at Vanessa's strained home life.



The Company Men adds Costner, Tommy Lee Jones

Kevin Costner and Tommy Lee Jones have signed up for the film The Company Men. The drama will follow a high-flying big earner — played by Ben Affleck — who loses his six-figure salary and Porsche when he loses his job. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

A radically different beast

Mikhalkov's remake of 12 Angry Men unforgettable

12

Director: Nikita Mikhalkov
Stars: Sergei Makovetsky, Sergey Garmash
Classification: STC
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Nikita Mikhalkov's 12 is set in Russia and leaves the audience both spent and revitalized.

Sidney Lumet's tightly wound 1957 set-bound thriller 12 Angry Men is rightfully referred to as a bona fide American classic. In it, Henry Fonda sets off a blustery debate amongst the titular sequestered jurors as to the possible innocence of a young boy who otherwise appears guilty of murder and much dialogue driven conflict ensues.

And while the film's strengths lay in both the crackerjack performances (by some of that era's most prominent character actors) and Lumet's claustrophobic direction, Russian director Nikita Mikhalkov's new revamp — simply called 12 — is a much more epic affair, expanding and altering the story (and the running time: The movie is over 2.5 hours long) and switching the setting from a sweaty room in Anytown, U.S.A., to a massive high school gymnasium in a winter-battered Russia that is still feeling the equally icy reverberations of a decades-long conflict.

After a young, orphaned Chechen boy is accused of murdering his Russian stepfather, the radically different dozen jurors hole themselves up in said gym to debate his guilt. As the already trial-weary members sit down to put the case to bed quickly, one lone juror goes against the grain and, like in Lumet's picture, personalities become exposed as the day gets darker.

12 may sport the theme and narrative drive of the original, but its a radically different beast for a different age and a different culture.

Cutting back from the screaming jurors to the boy's own horrifically realized, tortured and tragic history (something the original did not do) Mikhalkov's film quietly evolves into a disturbing and operatic allegorical morality play about the very essence of human nature and, even more relevantly, the volatile class structure rot that is strangling and dividing Russian society.

By the end of the film you're both spent and revitalized. It's a stylish, surprisingly violent and often quite funny movie, and if there's perhaps one overly dramatic soliloquy too many, one thing about it remains absolute — 12 is unforgettable.

24 City blurs line between narrative and documentary

24 City

Director: Jia Zhangke
Stars: Jianbin Chen, Joan Chen
Classification: STC
Rating:

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

"Jia's audacity is matched only by his humility."

REVIEW Jia Zhangke may be China's most ambitious — and contentious — filmmaker, and 24 City ranks as perhaps his most fascinating provocation yet.

The title refers to a new condo development/industrial park being erected on top of an ancient aeronautics factory building; it's as much a ready-made metaphor for China's fraught evolution from socialism to capitalism as the theme park in Jia's The World was a free-standing signifier of globalization.

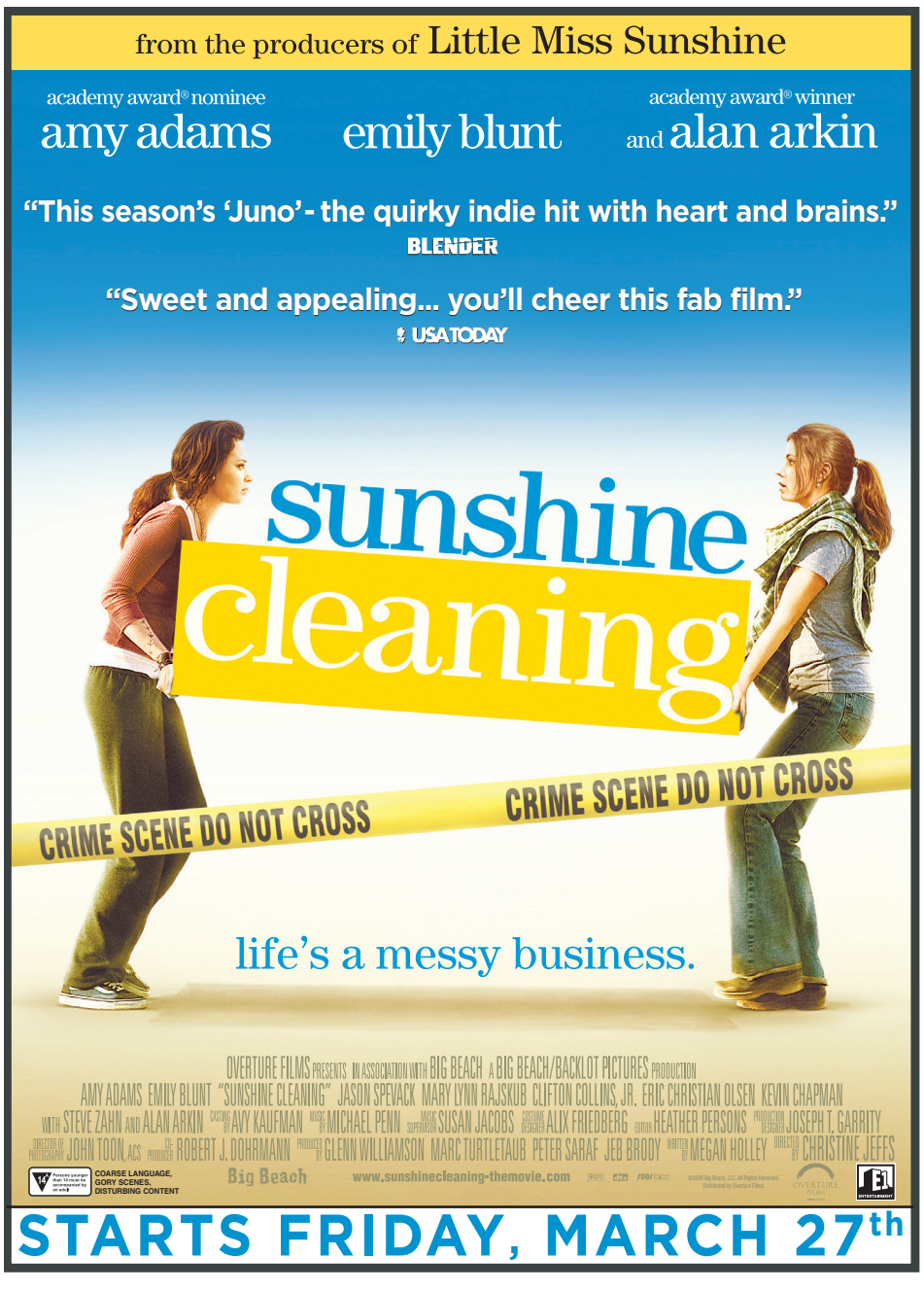
But the title 24 City also hints at the burning-the-candle-at-both-ends ethos that has fuelled the country's recent social and industrial upheaval.

Constructed out of ghostly location shots and interviews with former factory employees, the film appears at first to be a straight documentary.

The testimonials, which reach back into the factory's past, are compelling, but sharp-eyed viewers will catch at least one major Chinese movie star mixed in among the various talking heads. This completely reframes the authenticity and intent of everything that's come before and which follows afterwards.

24 City's straddling of the doc/narrative line is in keeping with the rest of Jia's oeuvre, but it's much more than an artistic signature.

Crisply photographed and beautifully paced, 24 City is an assured piece of filmmaking, but it expresses the problems, for author and audience both, of believing that history can be definitively rendered on screen. Jia's audacity is matched only by his humility.



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Powerful realism in film

Polytechnique
Director: Denis Villeneuve
Stars: Karine Vanasse, Sebastien Huberdeau, Maxim Gaudette
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

We all knew that a movie about the 1989 Montreal Massacre would be made eventually. The event was simply too dramatic, frightening, and culturally significant to avoid making it to the silver screen.

The fact that Polytechnique was made was in no way surprising. The fact that it turned out to be an incredibly powerful and emotionally draining movie that vividly recreates those disturbing events is definitely a surprise. Denis Villeneuve's Polytechnique just might be the best Canadian movie we'll see in 2009.

Rather than conforming to a conventional single protagonist three-act narrative, screenwriter Jacques David's takes a cue from Gus Van Sant's brilliant school shooting film Elephant and follows several equally weighted protagonists to show the tragedy from multiple perspectives.

The audience follows two female students, a male student, and an unnamed assassin throughout the course of their day. The result fills all of their mundane daily routines with dread as the audience constantly expects the shooting to kick in.

Once it happens, the sequences are handled with such gut-wrenchingly realism that it genuinely feels like being there. Some incredible naturalistic acting from the entire cast only makes things even more unbearable (in a good way).

Director Denis Villeneuve shot in gorgeous monochromatic black and white that gives the film a distinct look without sacrificing any immediacy through cinematic style. The only possible misstep is a coda that takes place years after the shooting, showing the devastating impact it had on the survivors.

Polytechnique, starring Karine Vanadda, Sebastien Huberdeau and Maxim Gaudette, recreates the 1989 Montreal Massacre in black and white.

While I can understand why the filmmakers included this material out of respect for those who lived through the massacre, it does feel like subject matter that warrants another movie. The scenes are a little rushed and don't pack a fraction of the power of what precedes them.

Still, the ending hardly dilutes what comes before and does not change the fact that Polytechnique is one of the most effective and unforgettable films to come out of Canada in recent years.

Reinterpretation of opera magical

The Magic Flute
Director: Kenneth Branagh
Stars: Joseph Kaiser, Amy Carson, Rene Pape
Classification: STC
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Mozart's The Magic Flute is so ingrained in the collective pop cultural psyche that, even if you think you're not familiar with it, chances are that in some way shape or form, you are. From TV commercials to films to cartoons, the celebrated opera is everywhere and has been staged in too many ways to accurately chart.

The latest mounting of the material comes from actor/director/Shakespeare disciple Kenneth Branagh (Henry V), and is a lavish spectacle that is bound to make more than a few purists sneer.

Taking Mozart's original German libretto and rewriting it into English (with the help of British comedian Stephen Fry, isn't the only revision Branagh inflicts upon the material. Instead of the traditional fantasy landscape, the filmmaker has transposed the action into the battlefields and muddy trenches of the First World War.

It's an interesting choice of locale but it's often at odds with the frothy mirth at the core of the opera, dulling the otherworldly impact and muting any real emotional punch.

But as offbeat a vision as it is, if you're an opera buff who's mad for Mozart, the film is most definitely worth seeing (and hearing) at least once — and if you're not, there's still ample doses of cinematic bravado to keep your eyelids wide. If nothing else, it proves, once again, that Branagh refuses to conform to the ordinary.

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BLOOR THEATRE
506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

An Evening With Ian Wright (STC) Thu 7
Female Eye Film Festival (STC) Wed 7
Fly Fishing Film Tour (STC) Sat 7
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 4:15 Mon 7 Tue 4:15-9:20 Thu 4:15
Mommy Is Crazy (STC) Wed 11:45
The Necessities of Life (PG) Tue 12
Olive Girls (STC) Sat 9:30
Repo! The Genetic Opera (18A) Fri 11:30
Revolutionary Road (14A) Sat 4:15 Mon 4:30-9:30 Tue 7 Wed 4:15 Thu 9:30
Salt of This Sea (STC) Fri 7
Slingshot Hip Hop (STC) Fri 9:30
Spacetime Star Theatre (STC) Sat 11:55
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Sat 2:15
Wright Stuff Spaced Marathon (STC) Sun 5

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

Doubt (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:25-7:20-9:45
Milk (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:40
Nightwatching (18A) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
Owl And The Sparrow (Vietnamese w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:35-7:30-9:50
Pontypool (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4-7:05-9:20
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-6:50-9:25
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:10
Wendy and Lucy (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:40-7:25-10
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:35

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

The Art Star and the Sudanese Twins (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:50
The Class (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:40
Gomorrah (Italian w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
Polytechnique (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:30-9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Wed 12:10-2:30-4:50-10:20 Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10:10
Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:20
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:50-7:40-10:30 Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:40
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:10-9:50 Fri-Wed 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:20 Thu 1:40-4-10:20
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
Miss March (14A) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:15-9:30 Sat 4:10-7:15-9:30 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:15-9:30 Mon 1:10-3:40-10 Tue-Wed 1:10-4:10-7:15-9:30 Thu 1:10-4:10-9:30
Nezumi, The Japanese Robin Hood (STC) Thu 7
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-6:40-9:15
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Mon 12:50-4-6:45-9:10 Tue 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:10 Wed-Thu 12:50-4-6:45-9:10 Fri-Mon 11:50-2:20-4:45-7:20-9:45 Tue 2-4:20-9:45 Wed 11:50-2:20-4:45-7:20-9:45 Thu 11:50-2:20-9:45
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-5:10-7:50-10:15
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4:30-8 Mon 5-8:30 Tue-Wed 1-4:30-8 Thu 1 Fri 2-6:20-10 Sat 6:20-10 Sun-Thu 2-6:20-10
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) Fri-Tue 12-3:30-7-10:30 Wed 12-3:20-10:30 Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

Duplicity (PG) Fri 1:20-4-6:50-9:15-11:40 Sat-Wed 1:20-4-6:50-9:15 Thu 4-6:50-9:15 Thu 1
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 1:10-3:40-6:45-9-11:15 Sat-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:45-9
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THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

24 City (STC) Fri-Sat 7-9:15 Sun 4:30-7-9:15 Tue-Thu 7-9:15

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Crossing Over (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:40-9:20
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 No Passes Fri-Mon 12:55-3:45-6:35-9:25 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:35-9:25
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:10 Mon 12:20-3:20 Tue 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:10 Wed 12:20-3:20 Thu 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:10
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Knowing (14A) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:50-7-9:50 Thu 12:40-3:50-6:55-9:50
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CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 1:20-4 Mon-Thu 4
The International (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50
Milk (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:20
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 2:30-5:10-7:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-9:55
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Pontypool (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:10
The Reader (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-10
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 2:20-5-7:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:40

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

Gran Torino (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat 4:15-9:30 Sun 7 Wed 7
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue 7 Thu 7

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

Waltz With Bashir (18A) Fri 9 Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue 7
Welcome to the Sticks (PG) Fri 7 Sat 4:30-9 Sun 2:15-7 Thu 7

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Tue 6:30-10 Thu 6:30-10
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Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:15-5:45 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:45
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Tue 1:45-4 Thu 1:45-4
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The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:20-10:05
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 7:55-10:35
RiP - A Remix Manifesto (STC) Fri 5:35-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:05-5:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:35-10:30
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Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:55-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:05
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Tue 3:20-8:10 Wed 4 Thu 3:20-8:10

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ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Aloo Chaat (STC) Fri 4:45-8 Sat-Sun 2-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-8
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri 4:30-7:30 Sat-Sun 2-5:15-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55 Sat 4:15-7:05-9:55 Sun-Mon 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55 Tue 7:05-9:55 Wed-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55
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One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:30-9:35
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-6:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:25
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-2-4-4:50-6:45-7:30-9:30-10:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:50-10:05
Taken (14A) Fri 2:20-5:20-8-10:35 Sat 12:55-5:30-8-10:35 Sun-Thu 2:20-5:20-8-10:35
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-6:10-7-9:45-10:30

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-6:50-9:30
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:25
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:55-9:20
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:35
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:50-7:05-9:15
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Thu 4-7:10-9:40
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:50-8:15

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:40 Sat 4:40-7:10-9:40 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4:50-8:30 Mon-Thu 8:30

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Bolt (PG) Fri-Sun 2
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 9 Sat 9:15 Sun 4-9:15 Mon-Tue 9:15 Wed 1:30-6:30 Thu 8:35
Doubt (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat 4-7 Sun-Tue 7
Marley & Me (PG) Fri 4
Of Time and the City (STC) Wed 9:20 Thu 7

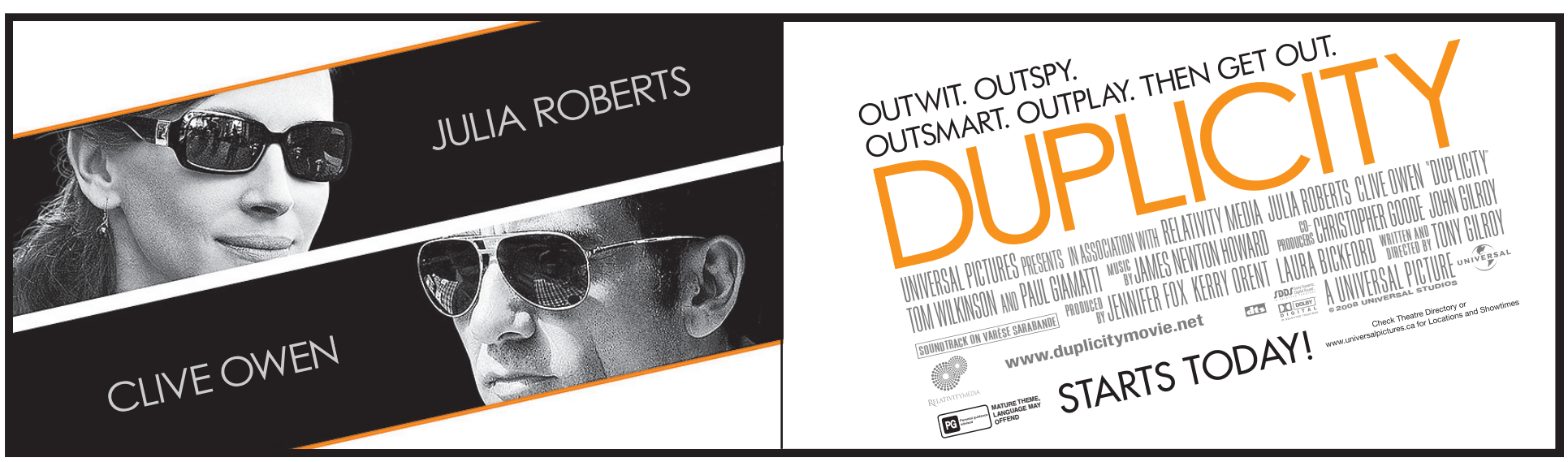
NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:20-9
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:45
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40 Sat 12:30-3:30-6:50-9:45 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:40
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:05
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
Miss March (14A) Fri 2-5-7:40-10:10 Sat 7:40-10:10 Sun 2-5-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:10
One Week (STC) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:45-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-9:55
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 1:10 Sun 1:10
Pontypool (14A) Fri 1:40-4:15-6:45-9:15 Sat 6:45-9:15 Sun 1:40-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:50
Taken (14A) Fri 4:10-6:30-9:30 Sat 6:20-9 Sun-Thu 4:10-6:30-9:30

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Coraline 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:40
Defiance (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 7:15-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-10:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 12:30-3
Knowing (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:45-7:40-10:20
The Magic Flute (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun



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1:20-4:15-6:40-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-6:40-10
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1-3:50-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-7-9:30
The Reader (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 6:50-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:50-3:55-6:50-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:50
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:30-4
Twilight (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 11:59 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 11:30
Watchmen (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2-4-5:30-7:30-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-5:30-7:30-9:15

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:40-6:50 Sun-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:20
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:30-9:15
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-7-10:10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sat 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Sun-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-10
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:40
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:15-9:50
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sat 12-3:20-6:50-10:20 Sun-Thu 12-3:20-6:50-10:15

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:40-9:20
Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7-10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 12:40-3:40-6:45 Sat 4:20-6:45 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:30-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4:10-7:30-10
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:10-9:55
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:25-9:55
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
Miss March (14A) Fri-Wed 4:20-6:50-9:30 Thu 4:20-9:45
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:50
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2-6:30-10:05

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:35-10:10
Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:15-10:20
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-4-6:45-9:20 Thu 1:20-4-9:20
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:10
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:30-9:50
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-1:25-3:40-4:25-6:40-7:25-9:40-10:30
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:50-7:40-10:25
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
Taken (14A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15 Sat 4:30-7:20-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:55-9:55
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 2-6:25-10
Yavarum Nalam (Tamil) (14A) Fri-Thu 2:45-6:15-9:45
You Changed My Life (Filipino) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 2:35-6:20-9:05 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:20-9:05
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:45-6:15-8:55 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:15-8:55
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-3:25-6:50-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:25-6:50-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-4-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-7:20-10:15
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-3:55-7-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:55-7-9:50
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sat 12:25-1:25-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:35-10:30 Sun 12:25-1:25-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:35-10:20
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:35-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:45-10:20
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:35-9:55
One Week (STC) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:20-7:05-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:35-7:05-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-1:20-3:10-4:10-6:45-7:15-9:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:45-7:15-9:30-10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:15-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10-10:05
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:40-10:10
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:55 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 2:55-6:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-8:40

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-6:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:10-9:20
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:15-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-9:50
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-10
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 2-5-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30-10:10
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:10-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:15
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 3:45 Mon-Thu 3:40
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 5:15-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:05
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 12-3:15-6:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:45

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 2:45-5:10-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:30-10:05
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 2:30-6-9:25 Sat-Sun 11-2:30-6-9:25 Mon-Thu 2:30-6-9:25
Doubt (PG) Fri 4:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:25-4:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:45-9:50
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:40-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:10-9:45
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10
I Love You, Man (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-2:45-4:30-5:15-7-7:45-9:30-10:15
The International (14A) Fri 4:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:40-4:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:35-9:40
Milk (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-7:05 Mon-Thu 2-7:05
Miss March (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:40-3:50-6-8:15-10:25 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:25-1:40-3:50-6-8:15-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:20-5:30-7:40-9:50
One Week (STC) Fri 1-2:30-3:15-4:45-5:35-6:55-7:45-9:15-10 Sat-Sun 12:15-1-2:30-3:15-4:45-5:35-6:55-7:45-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:15-4:45-5:35-6:55-7:45-9:15-10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 2:55-7:35
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 2:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 2:25-7:20
Pontypool (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:15-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:15-1:35-3:50-6:05-8:15-10:30 Mon-Thu 3-5:15-7:35-9:45
Push (14A) Fri 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:20-3:20-4:40-5:40-7-8-9:30-10:15
The Reader (14A) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:25-10:10
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:10-4:50-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:55
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:55-7:30-10:10
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:35-7:50-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:35-7:50-10:05
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-5:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:05-9:55

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Aloo Chaat (STC) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:15-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Billu Barber (G) Fri-Thu 6:45
Delhi 6 (PG) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun 4-9:15 Mon-Thu 9:15

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30-5:15 Mon-Thu 5:15
Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Sun 3:10 -6:15 - 7:45 Mon-Thu 1:30-5
Bolt (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:35 -4:40 Mon-Thu 5:10
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-3:25 Mon-Thu 3:45
Madagascar 2 (G) Fri-Sun 12
Marley and Me (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30 - 3:30 -7:30 Mon-Thu 1:30 -6:45
Milk (14A) Fri-Sun 5:15 Mon-Thu 1:30
The Reader (14A) Fri-Sun 7:25-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-6-8:05
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Sun 5:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:-6:30-8:30
Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri-Sun 12
Underworld 3 (18A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-8:45
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Sun 7-8:50 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:55-8:45

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:40-10
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:20-9
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-1:10-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 Mon-Tue 12:20-1:10-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 Wed 12:20-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 Thu 12:20-1:10-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:50-9:20
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-1-3:10-4:10-6:10-7-9:10-9:40 Wed 12:30-3:10-4:10-6:10-7-9:10-9:40 Thu 12:30-1-3:10-4:10-6:10-7-9:10-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri 12:50-4-7:10-10:05 Sat 4-7:10-10:05 Sun-Wed 12:50-4-7:10-10:05 Thu 12:50-4-10:05
Under the Sea 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12-1:30 Mon-Thu 3:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri 1:15-5-6:15-8:45-9:50 Sat 12:15-5-6:15-8:45-9:50 Sun 1:15-5-6:15-8:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 2-6:15-9:50
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) Fri-Sun 3:15-6:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 12-5-8:30

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 2:50-5:20-7:55-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:20-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:20-7:55-10:30
Duplicity (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:15-10:20
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-7:20
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 4:05-10:15
I Love You, Man (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:55-2:40-4:35-5:15-7:10-7:50-10:10-10:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:15-12:05-1:55-2:40-4:35-5:15-7:10-7:50-10-10:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:55-2:40-4:35-5:15-7:10-7:50-10-10:35
Knowing (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:05-1:50-4-4:45-7-7:45-10:05-10:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-1:05-1:50-4-4:45-7-7:45-10:05-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:05-1:50-4-4:45-7-7:45-10:05-10:45
The Last House on the Left (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2:20-5-7:40-10:25 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:20-5-7:40-10:25
Miss March (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-5:55-8:15-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:30-5:55-8:15-10:40
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:40-2:25-4:10-4:55-6:45-7:25-9:20-9:50 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:05-11:45-1:40-2:25-4:10-4:55-6:45-7:25-9:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:40-2:25-4:10-4:55-6:45-7:25-9:20-9:50
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-7:05
Taken (14A) Fri 2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri 4:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12-4:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-9:40
Watchmen (18A) Fri 1-2:15-3-4:30-5:45-6:30-8-9:15-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:30-1-2:15-3-4:30-5:45-6:30-8-9:15-10:10 Mon-Wed 1-2:15-3-4:30-5:45-6:30-8-9:15-10:10 Thu 1-2:15-3-5:45-6:30-9:15-10:10

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:35-3:40-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Sun 3:20-6:25-9:10 Mon-Thu 4-6:25-9:10
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10 No Passes Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sat 1-4-7-10:15 Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 4-7-10
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:25-7:30-10:25 Sun 1:45-4:25-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:40
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:10 Mon-Thu 4:10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-9:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:50-6:55-9:55 Sun 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:45
Taken (14A) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:10 Sun 1:35-4:35-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:40-9:25
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 1:55-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:50

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:15
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:30-9:10
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4-7-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:10
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-1:50-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:30-9:20-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:40-7:30-9:20-10:15
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:20-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:30
One Week (STC) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-9:50
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-1:30-3:40-5-6:50-7:40-9:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-5-6:50-7:40-9:40-10:10

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-9:45
Coraline 3D (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:50-9:20
Duplicity (PG) Stadium Seating, THX Fri-Wed 1-4-7:10 Stadium Seating, THX Thu 1:30-4:15-7:10 Stadium Seating, THX Thu 11
Hotel for Dogs (G) Stadium Seating Fri 1:30-4:10
I Love You, Man (14A) Stadium Seating, THX Fri-Thu 2:20-5-7:30-10:15
The International (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 7:10-9:50 Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:50
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Stadium Seating Fri 9 Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 1:20-5:10-9
Miss March (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:15-9:40
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 2:30-4:30-6:45-9:10 Stadium Seating Tue-Wed 4:30-6:45-9:10 Stadium Seating Thu 2:30-4:30-6:45-9:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:30
Taken (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:30-5:20-7:40-10:10
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Stadium Seating Fri 2-4:40

NORTH

5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 10:05 Tue 10:05 Thu 10:05
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 9:55 Tue 9:55 Thu 9:55
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 9:45 Tue 9:45 Thu 9:45
Push (14A) Fri-Sun 7:45 Tue 7:45 Thu 7:45
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 7:55 Tue 7:55 Thu 7:55
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Sun 7:50 Tue 7:50 Thu 7:50

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:40
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1-4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Sun 1-4:10-7:10-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:15
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 4:40-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 8

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Bride Wars (PG) Fri 2-4:45-7:45-10:10 Sat 4:45-7:45-10:10 Sun 2-4:45-7:45-10:10 Mon-Wed 6:35-9:20 Thu 9:20
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:30
Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:30-3:45-4:30-6:50-7:30-10-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-4:15-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:10
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:40-7:35-10:20 Mon-Tue 4:20-7:20-10:15 Wed 4:20-10:15 Thu 4:20-7:20-10:15
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:40-7-10:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:50 Mon-Wed 3:30 Thu 3:35
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-1:30-4-4:30-7:10-7:40-9:50-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-4:40-7:15-7:45-10-10:20
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:10-9
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 3-6:20-8:20
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-1:45-4:15-4:45-7:15-7:45-10:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 4-4:30-7-7:30-9:45-10:30
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
One Week (STC) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:05 Mon-Tue 4:45-7:25-9:50 Wed 7:25 Thu 4:45-7:25-9:50
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:45-9:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:10
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:10-6:10-9 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:15-9:10
Under the Sea 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:15-1:45
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 12-3:20-6:45-7:15-10:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 3-6:30-10
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) Fri-Sun 3:30-7-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10:30

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:20-8:45
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6-8:50
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 1:50-4:10
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:10-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:10-8:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:40
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 12:50
Twilight (PG) Fri 3:40
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:30-8 Mon-Thu 8

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:55-9:40
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 1-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:55
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:30
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:35
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:15-10
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 4-6:30-8:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 3:50
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:30-6:50-9:20

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Mon-Thu 7:05-9:25
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-5-9 Mon-Thu 7:50

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:35-9:05 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:35-4:10-6:35-9:05 Mon-Wed 4:10-6:35-9:05 Thu 4:10-6:35
Bolt (PG) Digital Fri 2:20-4:40-7:05-9:25 Digital Sat-Sun 12:05-2:20-4:40-7:05-9:25 Digital Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:25
Coraline 3D (PG) Digital Fri 1:50-4:25-7-9:40 Digital Sat-Sun 11:25-1:50-4:25-7-9:40 Digital Mon-Thu 4:25-7-9:40
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 2:45-6:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:45-6:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:45
Defiance (14A) Fri 3:10-6:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:20 Mon-Wed 6:10-9:20 Thu 6:10
Doubt (PG) Fri 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:40-5:20-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50-10:25
Fired Up (PG) Fri 1:15-3:30-5:45-8:05-10:20 Sat-Sun 11-1:15-3:30-5:45-8:05-10:20 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:05-10:20
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:10
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-10:05
Gomorrah (14A) Fri 2:35-6-9:05 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:35-6-9:05 Mon-Wed 6-9:05 Thu 6
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri 1:45-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:15-8-10-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:05-1:45-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:15-8-10-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-5:15-7:15-8-10-10:30
Milk (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:10
Miss March (14A) Fri 2:10-4:30-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:30-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:50-9:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3-5:25-8:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:10-10:30
Push (14A) Fri 2-4:40-7:35-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:40-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:35-10:05
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 1-1:45-2:15-3:45-4:30-5-6:15-7-7:45-9-9:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-11:45-1-1:45-2:15-3:45-4:30-5-6:15-7-7:45-9-9:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-5-6:15-7-7:45-9-9:45-10:15
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-9:55
The Reader (14A) Fri 1:50-4:25-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 11-1:50-4:25-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:55
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri 2-4:50-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:25-2-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30-10:10
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri 2:15-4:35-6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:35-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-6:55-9:20
Taken (14A) Fri 2:55-5:10-7:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:25-9:50
Twilight (PG) Fri 1:55-4:55-7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:55-4:55-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:45-10:30
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:05-5:35-7:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:35-7:55-10:15
Valkyrie (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35-10:20
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri 2:50-5:05-7:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:20-9:35
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 2:25-5-7:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:25-5-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:25
Yes Man (PG) Fri 1:30-4:05-6:35-9 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:30-4:05-6:35-9 Mon-Wed 4:05-6:35-9 Thu 4:05-6:35

PROMENADE MALL
1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:45-9:20 Mon 4-6:45-9:20 Tue-Thu 1-4-6:45-9:20 Mon 1
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:15-9:30
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-6:50-9:25
Miss March (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3-5:05-7-9:10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5-7:10-9:15
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 4:30-8

SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:15 Mon 6:30-9:15 Tue 3:35-6:30-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:15
Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:35-3:25-7-10 No Passes Mon 7-10 No Passes Tue 3:25-7-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 7-10
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:10
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-4:05-7:10-9:55 No Passes Mon 7:10-9:55 No Passes Tue 4:05-7:10-9:55 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:10-9:55
Knowing (14A) Fri 12:30-3:40-7:05-10:10 Sat 12:30-4:20-7:05-10:10 Sun 12:30-3:40-7:05-10:10 Mon 7:05-10:10 Tue 3:40-7:05-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:05-10:10
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:55-9:35 Mon 6:55-9:35 Tue 3:50-6:55-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:55-9:35
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 4:40-7:25-10:05 Mon 7:25-10:05 Tue 4:40-7:25-10:05 Wed 7:25-10:05 Thu 10:05
One Week (STC) Fri-Sun 1:25-3:55-6:45-9:25 Mon 6:45-9:25 Tue 3:55-6:45-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 3:20 Tue 3:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-2-3:45-4:45-6:45-7:30-9:30-10:15 Mon 6:45-7:30-9:30-10:15 Tue 3:45-4:45-6:45-7:30-9:30-10:15 Wed-Thu 6:45-7:30-9:30-10:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 Sat 3:30-6:40-9:50 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 Mon 6:40-9:50 Tue 3:30-6:40-9:50 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:50
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:20 Mon 6:50-9:20 Tue 4-6:50-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:20
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 12:45-4:20-8 Mon 8 Tue 4:20-8 Wed-Thu 8

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:35-2:10-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-3:40-6:50-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 3:10-6:20-9:30 Mon-Wed 3:20-6:20-9:30 Thu 3:20-9:30
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-4:05-7-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:05-7-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:55-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:10-10:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20-10:15
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
Miss March (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:10
One Week (STC) Fri 12:30-3:30-6:35-9:25 Sat 4:35-6:35-9:25 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:35-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:35-9:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2-4:30 Mon-Thu 3:35
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 11:45-2:20-5-7:40-10:10 Sat 11:50-2:20-5-7:40-10:10 Sun 11:45-2:20-5-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:10 Fri-Sun 1:10-4-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:30-9:40
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:05-9:35
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-6:10-7-9:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:10-8-9:40

HALTON

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Fired Up (PG) Fri 1:25-4:25-7:25-10 Sat 4:25-7:25-10 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 7:25-10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Wed 6:45-9:50 Thu 9:50
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:05-10:05
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:35-10:20
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1
Miss March (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:30
One Week (STC) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Sat 1:30-7:30-10:15 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:15
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:25
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4:30-8:30 Mon-Thu 8:30

SILVERCITY OAKVILLE CINEMAS
3531 Wyecroft Road, 905 827-7173

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 12:50-4-6:55 Sat 4-6:55 Sun 12:50-4-6:55 Mon-Thu 6:55
I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-10 No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:20 Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 7-10
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 1 Sat 1
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Music fans watching wallets

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

David Silverberg is your typical music fan. The Toronto-based writer buys about seven albums a year and goes to shows every six weeks. Or at least that's what he did until the recession forced him to take a hard look at how he spends his cash.

Music lovers across Canada are dealing with financial dilemmas associated with the recession.

"I'm definitely buying less music and going to less concerts," he says. "I can put my money towards more applicable things. Concerts are nice an enjoyable, but not necessary."

Thousands of music lovers across Canada are dealing with the same financial dilemmas as Silverberg right now, and many are choosing to cut back on their music consumption.

Aaron Brophy, Chartattack.com's managing editor, says the fans who will abandon their regular concert-going routine first will be people who have lost their jobs. "They won't be purchasing tickets or albums or band t-shirts anymore," he says.

Luckily, in the Internet era, cash strapped fans can connect to artists in ways other than buying albums. Silverberg has turned to MySpace, where many acts stream full albums, and he frequents a Toronto Blues bar Tuesday nights because the music is good and, more importantly, free.

Legal downloading is another way to listen to music relatively cheaply. Digital albums often cost less and buying a few 99 cent tracks won't hurt the pocket book as much.

"Pursuing legal downloads is the way things are going, and you would think that might speed up," says Paul Gagnon, who teaches financial strategies at Toronto's Harris Institute, a music management school. "Hopefully people do capitalize on that idea. It only makes more sense now to focus on digital delivery for content."

Clearly, people's music buying habits will shift if the recession continues, but so will the way they find out about upcoming bands. At the beginning of the year Chart Magazine abandoned its print product to go exclusively online, MuchMusic cancelled The New Music in December, and now a funding shortfall at Canada's public broadcaster could put indie music station CBC Radio 3 in jeopardy.

"Cancelling these programs affects the artists and the potential fan base for those artists," says Gagnon. "Will they still get exposure elsewhere off of TV?"

The answer to that is yes, though it might become harder to reach that critical mass if music news is found on disparate blogs. However, while there are more music blogs than ever for fans to peruse, Brophy thinks people will continue to turn to brand name publications to get their music fix.

"(Blogs are) fun, but in the long run, actual reporting with depth and diverse content will win out," he says.

Gagnon agrees. "It's not too late for music magazine's to build their brand online," he explains. "They still have the best access to artists and have talented writers. They can capitalize on that."

Silverberg was never an avid music mag reader, so the decline of Chart, Harp and others, hasn't affected him too much. His method of staying in the know is not only cheap, it's the main way music fans have been connecting to artists for decades.

"It's about word of mouth," he says. "I have friends that are inside the music scene, so I just listen to them."

Riding the Recession

Second chance for Springsteen

TICKETS Bruce Springsteen fans who complained about how Ticketmaster handled the online sale for concerts in New Jersey are getting a second chance for seats.

Under a settlement with Ticketmaster, a random draw will be held for 1,861 people on March 31 to purchase two tickets for either the May 21 or May 23 show at the Izod Center.

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9 Sex On Fire — Kings Of Leon
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Pearl Jam revisits Ten

SoundCheck

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Pearl Jam, left, playing live after the original release of Ten. Above, artwork for the reissue.

Imagine this: After years of false starts and disappointments, things finally click for your new band. Not only does your debut record sell more than 15 million copies, but also becomes one of the cornerstones of the grunge revolution and a staple of Gen X's musical diet forevermore.

Now imagine this: No matter how many people tell you that your record is great, you still hate how it sounds. Welcome to the world of Pearl Jam and their Ten album.

But come Tuesday, the band will finally get what they've always wanted: A version of Ten that meets with their approval. They tapped their favourite producer, Brendan O'Brien, to remix it using its original parts. Think "refurbishment" instead of "renovation."

"We put a lot of work into that record," guitarist Stone Gossard told me, "and I think in the end, we were happy with it. But as much as we love (Ten producer Tim Palmer), it's really exciting to go back and revisit it."

Few bands ever get this kind of musical mulligan. "(Brendan) tweaked the colour and the sound," says Stone, "You can hear a lot more energy coming out of it."

"I think it was more about production values," Eddie Vedder confided to me, "It wasn't how it was played. There were certain things done in the studio to accentuate this part or that part — an effect or an echo. Looking back, it feels like artificial atmosphere. On the remixed version, it gets stripped down a bit and becomes closer to what the initial core of what that music was at the time."

I must confess that even after talking to Pearl Jam, I wasn't convinced — until I heard the new version. The guitars are ... bigger, fatter, better. The mix seems cleaner and the music has extra clarity. Even though I've heard songs from Ten countless times since it was released on Aug. 27, 1991, I heard bits in the new mix that I had never heard before.

Put aside your scepticism. This version of Ten is better than the original in every way. And if you get the chance, listen to the new vinyl edition.

"That's the thing you get to do if you stick around long enough," adds Stone. Guitarist Mike McCready jumps in. "It only takes 20 years."

Well, 17 years, 6 months and 26 days. But who's counting?

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

PHOTO BY PHIL LITEVSKY

DJs Abdominal, Numeric, Dalia, and Ted Dancin' hit the mic Friday.

Karaoke with a spin

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Toronto

Even "white receptionist ladies" can bust out mad skills on the mike, according to Abdominal.

They'll have their chance Friday when the Toronto-based hip-hop artist, with special guest Maestro Fresh Wes in tow, host the second anniversary of Hip Hop Karaoke at Revival. Amateurs will take to the stage and rap alongside all their favourite tunes, in front of an expected crowd of several hundred people.

"It's not your usual karaoke. We don't have the TV with the bouncing ball and the cute little couple kissing in the background. It's DJs on vinyl doing proper hip-hop," he said. "But anybody can do it. I've seen white receptionist ladies do it perfectly and I've seen the drunken birthday trainwreck."

Local rappers "bit the concept" of hip-hop karaoke from clubs in New York which started the trend, Abdominal says. But he says that from its humble inception, Hip Hop Karaoke has snowballed.

A few caveats for aspiring rappers, however: Absolutely no using the N-word and no freestyling or battles — Abdominal has provided printouts to clean versions of the tracks and act as sideman should singers get lost.

"No one has to worry about getting booed offstage," he added. "The crowd is very warm and receptive because they're all in the same boat."

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Television

Stewart a reluctant star

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Kristen Stewart may be the hottest rising star in movies, but she may also be its most reluctant.

"It feels so good to have something that you love received so hotly," said the 18-year old actress during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "(But) something that you're done with, to fixate on it, it's like I'm so ready to get on with the next thing but I do understand why people are eager to hear about it."

Stewart, of course, is talking about the uncomfortable amount of attention she's received over her hit vampire thriller Twilight (being released on DVD this Saturday) and its sequel New Moon, which is about to start filming under Chris Weitz (The Golden Compass) who took over directing duty from Catherine Hardwicke in December.

"Everyone's like, 'Oh, you're working with a man now, it's going to be completely different' (but) it's really neither here nor there," said Stewart. "I feel that he understands the characters that we're playing very well and that he's actually very invested in them; he's not just stoked to be on a successful movie."

Stewart has been pretty successful herself. Not only has she signed on to play rocker Joan Jett in the upcoming biopic The Runaways, but before she departs to the set of New Moon, she's frantically answering questions about her latest comedy Adventureland (in theatres April 3) — a hilarious new film in which she plays Em, a carnival worker who must choose between young, naïve James or the married man she's been having an affair with.

Kristen Stewart has received a lot of attention over her hit vampire thriller Twilight and its sequel, New Moon.

Natasha Richardson fondly remembered

OBITUARY Tony-winning actress Natasha Richardson died of a brain injury after falling on a ski slope, an autopsy found Thursday.

The cause of death was epidural hematoma (bleeding between the skull and the brain's covering), said Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the New York City medical examiner's office. Richardson was not wearing a helmet and the death was ruled an accident.

An epidural hematoma is often caused by a skull fracture. The bleeding causes a blood clot that puts pressure on the brain. That pressure can force the brain downward to press on the brain stem that controls breathing and other vital functions, causing coma or death. Frequently, surgeons cut off part of the skull to give the brain room to swell.

Richardson, 45, died Wednesday at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan after falling at the Mont Tremblant resort in Quebec on Monday. Descended from one of Britain's greatest acting dynasties, including her mother, Vanessa Redgrave, Richardson was known for her work in such plays as Cabaret (for which she won a Tony) and Anna Christie and in the films Patty Hearst and The Handmaid's Tale.

The mourning continued Thursday as Broadway theatres intended to dim their lights in honour of Richardson and colleagues offered tributes. Fitting for an actress of Hollywood beauty and classical training, praise came from both tabloid celebrities — The Parent Trap co-star Lindsay Lohan — and artists of the theatre, like Sam Mendes, who directed the 1998 revival of the Broadway musical Cabaret.

"It defies belief that this gifted, brave, tenacious, wonderful woman is gone," said Mendes, also known as the director of the Academy Award-winning American Beauty.

Theatre marquees will be dimmed for one minute at 8 p.m., the traditional starting time for evening performances of Broadway shows.

Richardson gave several memorable stage performances, more than living up to some of the theatre's most famous roles: Sally Bowles of Cabaret, Blanche DuBois of A Streetcar Named Desire and the title character of Eugene O'Neill's Anna Christie, a 1993 revival in which she co-starred with future husband Liam Neeson. They have two sons: Micheal, 13, and Daniel, 12.

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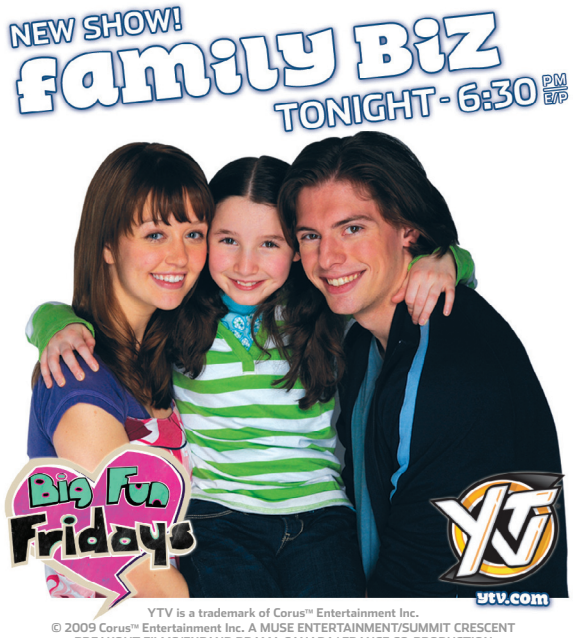

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Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Tweeting
TWITTER More and more people and businesses are starting to tweet, including Metro, which launched at twitter.com/metrotoronto on Monday. Not only that, but Metro went digital too, with BlackBerry and iPhone platforms — so you can get the top news and enter contests wherever you are. Visit metronews.ca to learn more.

2 Barbie
FASHION Designer David Dixon got rave reviews for his 40-piece fashion collection inspired by Barbie. The collection marks the doll's 50th anniversary and will be available for sale in September — so you too can dress like a Barbie girl.

3 Candy
FOOD The holiday is still a couple weeks away, but store shelves are already crammed fuller than the Easter bunny's basket — with Cadbury Creme Eggs, Lindt chocolate bunnies, and other candy treats tempting shoppers.

4 Church
TV Big Love gave viewers a look inside Mormon sacred rituals earlier in the week, but did so with HBO first apologizing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

5 Phish
MUSIC A three-night celebration of the band Phish's return to the stage proved to be a good night for police too. According to reports, officers confiscated about $1.2 million in illegal drugs and more than $68,000 in cash from concertgoers.

6 Twilight
DVD Twilight only screened in theatres a few months ago, but the DVD hits store shelves Saturday.

7 Fashion week
FASHION Toronto was the hub of action this week as hundreds of fashion enthusiasts gathered for the city's 10th annual fashion week.

Modest Mouse to release Ledger video
A music video Heath Ledger directed for the group Modest Mouse before his death will be released this year. Ledger directed the animated clip for King Rat off the group's 2007 album, We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music and motherhood

Julie Doiron chronicles emotional rebirth on new album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If there's any indie rocker that you'd want as your mom, it's got to be Julie Doiron. The New Brunswick-based singer-songwriter's three kids are just learning about music and what better teacher to have than this former Eric's Trip darling.

"My 14-year-old son has been playing guitar for a year," she says. "But he plays more when I sit down with him and teach him."

A few more lessons and, who knows, he might lead another East Coast rock revolution like Eric's Trip did in the early '90s. And, if he, or Doiron's two girls, decides to make a serious go at a music career, she obviously can't stop them.

"I would have to support them," she says. "But it's up to them. I'm not going to push them to do anything."

If they do get serious about a music career, at least they have a good musical role model to look up to. Doiron has one of the more eclectic Canadian careers, signing to Sub Pop with Eric's Trip in 1993, winning a Juno seven years later, and she's just released I Can Wonder What You Did with Your Day, her ninth solo album.

Unlike her previous disc, the Polaris Prize nominated Woke Myself Up, Doiron's latest is a rockier, lo-fi affair reminiscent of her Eric's Trip past. It's also much more upbeat than a lot of her previous albums.

"Right now I'm a pretty happy person," she says. "It took a long time to understand how to find that. I had a good marriage, the most amazing kids, but I was having a hard time finding a balance."

In order to get to a more positive place, she had to separate from her husband and learn how to love again.

You'd think after an ordeal like that she'd be full of somber, introspective songs, but she reveals that she had trouble writing while her marriage was breaking up.

"I didn't write any songs for the first year of having separated ... But then I started to fall in love again." Julie Doiron

"I didn't write any songs for the first year of having separated," she explains. "I didn't want to write about that. I actually didn't want to write about anything. But then I started to fall in love again."

The result is an album about discovery and emotional rebirth. "It's about discovering someone new, being happy to be alive, surviving a breakup and realizing there is going to more after that," she says. "That's not it until you die."

While the happier lyrics are refreshing, Doiron hasn't turned into a twee pop act. There's still moments of longing, confusion and doubt that puts a precarious spin on her newfound feelings.

"I'm never full on jolly," she makes sure to point out. "I definitely feel better, but the record feels pretty human to me."

I Can Wonder What You Did with Your Day is the ninth solo album from New Brunswick-based singer-songwriter Julie Doiron.

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/20/09 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Britain From Above		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat "Oscar's Birthday"		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	(9:01) Dollhouse (N)		NUMB3RS "Harvest"		News
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere Il	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	Easton Meets West (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker		Survivorman		Out There	Out There	News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		News (N)
	218	345	11	E!	The Insider (N)	E! News	Are You Smarter		Friday Night Lights (N)		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	387	16	CBS	College Basketball NCAA Tournament First Round -- USC vs. Boston College.					College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. 1st Rd.			
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC		News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny (N)		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Supernanny (N)		Whistler (DVS)		News (N)
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy (N)	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(9:01) Dollhouse (N)		Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop						Wash. Week
news	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22	net	Billiards: U.S. Open Nine-Ball		College Hockey: Hockey East Semifinal -- B.C. vs. Boston Univ.					Sportsnet Con.	Hockey Central
	400	400	30	TSN	NBA Basketball Charlotte Bobcats at Toronto Raptors. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre		That's Hockey!	SportsCentre
family	551	542	25	YTV	*New York Minute* ★★ (2004, Comedy) Ashley Olsen.				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz (N)	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	*Gremlins 2: The New Batch* ★★★ (1990, Fantasy)			
	556	540	51	FAM	*Dadnapped* (2009, Comedy), Jason Earles		*Roxy Hunter: The Myth of the Mermaid* (2008)				*The Baby-Sitters Club* (1995, Drama)		
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Pirated"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Addiction"		Criminal Minds
	575	583	38	CMT	Cross Canada Countdown				Ed "Opposites Distract"		*Nowhere to Hide* ★★ (1994, Suspense)		
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		Durham County		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Drumline* ★★★ (2002, Comedy-Drama) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana.					Seinfeld	Family Guy
	581	566	52	MTV	4REAL	City Live After	MTV Presents: Summer		Nitro Circus	Fantasy Fact.	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus (N)	MTV Live
	603	561	56	FOOD	Chef at Home	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay Kitchn
	300	601	301	M1	(6:30) *My Winnipeg*		Sanctuary "Warriors"		*Made of Honor* (2008, Romance-Comedy)			(10:45) *The Number 23*	

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/21/09 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Fawn Identity		*The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* ★★★ (1968, Drama)				The Interviews	(10:35) *Beyond Silence*	
	211	331	3	GTV	Global Currents: Rich Nation		National Aboriginal Achievement Awards			Masterminds	Doc "Swing Shift"		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Dusha I Tilo	Russian Waves		Not a Drop Student diversity.		MADtv
	210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Canucks at Coyotes		
	214	344	7	CITY	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries		*Two of Hearts* (1999, Romance-Comedy) Gail O'Grady.				News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	W-FIVE Cancer; bars. (N)		*Flightplan* ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster.				Law & Order "Pledge"		News (N)
	218	345	11	E!	Chef School	E News	*Lost in the Dark* (2007, Suspense) Mae Whitman.				Show Yours	G-Spot	News (N)
	-	387	16	CBS	College Basketball		College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. 2nd Rd. -- Teams TBA				48 Hours Mystery (N)		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				Law & Order "Pledge"		News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	*Flightplan* ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster.				Castle "Nanny McDead"		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*Air Bud* ★★ (1997, Comedy-Drama) Michael Jeter.				Comedy Now	Comedy Now	News
	-	-	28	FOX	Colon Detox	Kitchen World	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	MADtv
	-	388	61	PBS	(6) Remembering Toronto		175th Anniversary of Toronto				Meet Me at the Brant Inn Inn's history.		
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Newsroom
sports	405	417	22	net	English Premier League Soccer Portsmouth vs. Everton.				Baseball World Classic Semifinal -- Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)				
	400	400	30	TSN	Curling Canada Cup -- Women's Semifinal.			SportsCentre		Curling Canada Cup -- Semifinals. From Yorkton, Sask.			
family	551	542	25	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	*Beetlejuice* ★★★ (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton.				Naruto	Bleach	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	*Ben 10: Race Against Time* (2007, Action)			Jimmy Two	Futurama	Robot Chicken	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
	556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*3 Ninjas Kick Back* ★★ (1994, Comedy)			(10:33) *One Small Hero*	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Man Down"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38	CMT	All About	All About	Karaoke Star Junior		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Blue Rodeo: Small Miracles		Grand Opry
	616	521	39	SHO	Mutant X		*Making Mr. Right* (2008, Romance-Comedy) Dean Cain.				*The Departed* (2006, Crime Drama)		
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Drumline* ★★★ (2002, Comedy-Drama) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana.					*Doom* ★★ (2005)	
	581	566	52	MTV	MTV Live	After	MTV Presents: Summer		MTV News	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	603	561	56	FOOD	Family	Glutton-Punish.	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Hell's Kitchen		The F Word
	300	601	301	M1	*Never Bac*	*Unstable Fables: Tortoise vs. Hare* (2008)			*Leatherheads* ★★ (2008, Romance-Comedy)				*Volver*

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/22/09 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Life in Cold Blood		My New Home (N)		*White Girl* (2008, Drama), Holly Kenny			The View From Here	
	211	331	3	GTV	Ancestors	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Without a Trace "Bait"		According-Jim	Not a Drop Student diversity.		Noi Oggi	Metropia	Metropia	Corpo E Alma
	210	302	6	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		India Reborn (HDTV Part 2 of 2) (N)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Who Do-Think
	214	344	7	CITY	Two/Half Men	Hates Chris	Kings "Prosperity" (N)		Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (HDTV)		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Amazing Race 14		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) The Mentalist		News (N)
	218	345	11	E!	Sheryl Crow: THS		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				News (N)
	-	387	16	CBS	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		The Unit "Flesh & Blood"		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)		Kings "Prosperity" (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case		Medium (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	-	28	FOX	American Dad	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61	PBS	Members' Choice				Masterpiece Classic "David Copperfield" (Part 1 of 2)				
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley
sports	405	417	22	net	Air Racing		Baseball World Classic Semifinal -- Teams TBA. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.						Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at New York Rangers. (HDTV) (Live)					Curling Canada Cup -- Men's Final. From Yorkton, Sask.			
family	551	542	25	YTV	*Barnyard: Original Party*		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline Proj	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
	556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*The Mighty* ★★★ (1998, Drama)			(10:41) *Innerspace* (1987)	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Big Brother"		CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38	CMT	Cross Canada Countdown		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	CMT Star	CMT Star	CMT, Awards
	616	521	39	SHO	The Guard "The Hold"		*The One That Got Away* (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams.				Damages (N)		The Guard
	294	529	47	TBS	*The Fighting Temptations*		*Drumline* ★★★ (2002, Comedy-Drama) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana.					*The Chronicles of Riddick*	
	581	566	52	MTV	MTV Presents: Summer		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
	603	561	56	FOOD	Italian Escape	Exotic	Challenge		Iron Chef America		The Next Iron Chef		The Heat
	300	601	301	M1	*The Game Plan* ★★ (2007, Comedy), Madison Pettis				*Transformers* ★★★ (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson.				

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Actress Natalie Brown and Heart Truth show model.

Actress Sitara Hewitt and Heart Truth show model.

HIGH FASHION ruled as LG showcased Fashion Week 2009 fall collections at Toronto's famed Nathan Phillips Square. The Show Love-themed gathering had stylistas, fashionistas, designers, models and fashion enthusiasts present their best in show.

Bustle Clothing team Shawn Hewson and wife Ruth Promislow.

LEFT: Model and TV personality Monika Schnarre. (Heart Truth show model)

Fashion Television reporter Mary Kitchen.

Fashion designer Joe Mimran.

Lou Lou Magazine plus size model winner Brittney Fisher.

Canada's first lady Laureen Harper.

Comedian Howie Mandel.

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Pink Tartan goes retro
Pink Tartan designer Kimberley Newport-Mimran fused menswear-inspired influences with a little '80s retro chic in her latest offerings which showed at Toronto Fashion Week earlier this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Entertainment

A dolled up collection

Designer David Dixon unveils wearable, Barbie-inspired pieces

The spectacular career of Canada's most powerful fashionista got its start decades ago, when the top retailing executive was just a young girl sewing furiously in her bedroom in London, Ont.

With her mom's Singer sewing machine and remnants from an older sister's prom dress, a 10-year-old Bonnie Brooks, now chief executive officer of the Bay, created an exquisite, teal-blue ball skirt in peau de soie with a snug sequin bustier — painstakingly custom-designed and constructed for her glamorous doll, Barbie.

It's a story that's played out in the homes of little girls around the world — with one exception.

"I started selling them to my friends," she says, winking as if to say, "I did OK."

And so was born a fashion retailing force of nature.

That this doll resonates with so many women, comes as no surprise to Brooks, who joined in yet another celebration of Barbie's 50th birthday this week at the Bay's downtown store, where the retailer has established a 1,350-square-foot shop devoted to all things Barbie. The shop is decorated with pink topiary trees and pink life-size plastic poodles. There is Barbie jewellery by Foxy Originals, Barbie rubber boots, Barbie tote bags — even a T-shirt that reads "Barbie Dumped Ken."

"Barbie has always been about sophisticated fashion."
Bonnie Brooks, chief executive officer of the Bay

"Barbie has always been about sophisticated fashion," says Brooks.

Monday night, Toronto designer David Dixon opened Toronto Fashion Week with a preview of his own signature line for fall, followed by a 40-piece Barbie by David Dixon collection that is now on display in the downtown store, and will be available for sale in September.

"These are clothes Barbie would wear today," Brooks says, of the collection that opened with a cool pink empire coat and went on to include suits and sharp cocktail dresses. Dixon's Barbie collection included black and white houndstooth dresses that commanded a figure like Barbie's to carry off. There were pant suits with nipped, peplum jackets and cropped pants.

"It is a complete collection from day to night," says Dixon, confident the line will perform well on the sales floor. "Consumers will take it seriously," he says.

Every piece, he insists, is intended for the modern grown-up fashion consumer — real women who need a smart suit for a job interview or for a chic cocktail party.

The limited-edition collection combines contemporary and modern materials in black, ivory and pink, and will retail for between $300 and $1,100.

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Barbie by David Dixon collection, now on display at the Bay's downtown store.

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Style **off the runway** by Enza Anderson

Vintage chic: Among the crowd at Toronto Fashion Week this week were Katherine Holland (left), 24, wearing clothing from Vintage 69 and EBay. She describes her outfit as: "A hippie pirate. It's a mix between pirate rock 'n' roll and soul hippie gear." Also looking chic in vintage was Mikki Rizvi (right), 36, whose style is "classy, girlie and trendy."

Double duty for Dixon

FASHION SHOW David Dixon was renowned at Toronto Fashion Week for presenting not just one, but two hot collections for fall 2009!

Preceding his Barbie-inspired designs was Dixon's signature collection called Brave. It showcased mostly muted colours like black, white and grey.

He also offered bold mixes of fabrics and patterns, such as one dress that featured a patent leather bodice with a skirt comprised of multi-coloured silk charmeuse (pictured right).

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Spring's nice, but still awakening

Canon Theatre's latest lacks punch of the original hit musical

It looks like spring, as the old song has it, is going to be a little late this year.

The touring production of Spring Awakening which opened at the Canon Theatre earlier this week, has all the potential to pack the same punch the hit musical did on Broadway, but at its first performance, it somehow seemed strangely muted.

All the ingredients were there — the dynamic score by Duncan Sheik, the striking staging of Michael Mayer, the edgy choreography of Bill T. Jones — but somehow it seemed as though we were viewing it all underwater.

A lot of the performances were lacking in the over-the-top dynamism that made the original production so successful; this Franz Wedekind study of sexual repression in provincial Germany in the 1890s fairly exploded off the stage in its original production.

Young people bursting with hormones in a repressive society certainly makes for a potent energy source, but too often it was missing.

When Blake Bashoff, as the off-the-wall iconoclast Moritz seems to register as reasonably sane, you know something is wrong. And when Christy Altomare, as the tortured young innocent Wendla, seems like a standard issue ingénue, things are definitely out of synch.

Matt Doyle as the straight-arrow Melchior gave one of the most dynamic performances of the night, with passion quivering from every part of his body, as well as a face and voice that lay every emotion right on the line.

If everyone had been up to his level, things might have been more exciting.

PAUL KOLNIK

Blake Bashoff as the off-the-wall iconoclast Moritz in the original Broadway musical of Spring Awakening.

Although ex-Canadian Idol veteran Steffi D brings a great deal of passion to the free-spirited Ilse, which is a welcome change of pace.

But far too many of the other young people seemed to give about 75 per cent of the emotional energy needed to make the piece fly.

That still means the show is worthy of your interest, because the things it's attempting, in fitting contemporary songs against a period libretto, are fascinating and the overall look of the evening (particularly in Kevin Adams' offbeat lighting) shows you some of the fascinating places the musical theatre is capable of going.

There's also a lot to be said for the way that Steven Sater's up-to-the-minute lyrics fit Sheik's music and constantly surprise you in new and inventive ways.

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Breaking new ground

Dance-punk duo Matt & Kim push musical boundaries

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Meet Matt & Kim, the lovable Brooklyn art-school couple block-rocking their way across the dancefloors of North Amercia.

Matt Johnson (vocals/keyboards) and Kim Schifino (drums/vocals) met at the Pratt Institute, united by a shared love of hip hop, punk rock and accessible, dance-friendly pop. Formed at the height of the "avante-noise" scene in New York, the pair took a cue from DFA Records and began making music that pushes beat and melody over intellect.

"I think there's a certain level of guilt in saying you play pop music, since so many people have done those chord progressions before," said Johnson. "(But that was) the same (issue people faced) in our school film program. Since Shakespeare's time, there's always been an intuitive problem, rising action, conflict, and resolution in drama ... If you're creating films that lose that structure, it gets really boring."

TODD SEELIE PHOTO
Grand is the second album from Brooklyn band Matt and Kim.

The band's tunes blend structured songcraft and loose, raw beats. In this sense, Grand's up-front basslines and chunky, booming drums recall mid-90s Big Beat — the Coldcuts, Prodigys and Chemical Brothers of the world. Though Johnson avoids comparisons to those sounds, instead labelling their music hip-hop influenced dance-punk, he said going big was a major focus.

All the songs have Schifino's drumbeats at their core. Then, Johnson hums melodies into a Dictaphone before hacking them out on his Yamaha C55 analogue synth, chosen because it looks cool and "has the deepest bass tone ever." But even those melodies are stripped. For example, on Good Ol' Fashion Nightmare, the hook is played on modified piano keys tacked so the mallets make a banging, percussive sound. Lyrics about life and love in NYC are filled in with Matt's nasally vocals.

The band's interest in thick, upfront rhythm transfers into the band's notorious live shows. While most drummers fill the kick drum with blankets and tighten up the head, Schifino keeps her set loose and empty — a setting that Johnson joked made plaster fall from the ceiling at a recent Vancouver show.

"We wanted our kick drum cranked right out, so it sounded like a locker slamming closed — really big and tight," he said. "We recorded the album in my parents' house in Vermont, actually in the bedroom I grew up in. We put mics down the hallways, all around the house, to get this huge web of resonance echoing off of everything."

In concert

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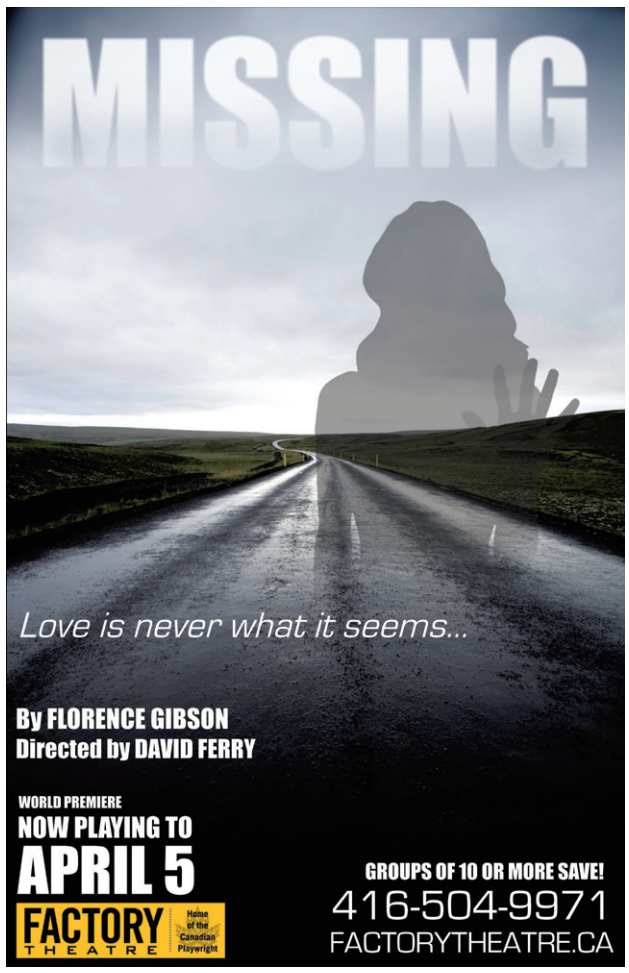

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Cycling on the Venice Beach boardwalk

Day trip to Santa Monica offers sun, sand and a few odd sights

On one side is a wide swath of beach, where waves from the Pacific crash into the shore. On the other is a mishmash of cafes, street performers and vendors.

But it's what lies in between that draws visitors and locals alike — 4 1/2 kilometres of boardwalk between Venice Beach and Santa Monica. This is one sweet spot for a bike ride.

"We're going biking on the boardwalk," laughed an apprehensive Rebecca Wilhite, who hails from Hartford, Conn.

"I haven't been on a bicycle in a good 25 years, so it'll be a good time."

There are many places to get your hands on a mountain bike or, better still, a cruiser. Rental shacks along the boardwalk offer bikes for $7 an hour or about $23 per day. Tandem bikes and ones with baby seats are also available.

Wilhite and her teenage niece, Abby Krill, found the Venice Fishing Pier a good place to start.

Krill, perched on the seat and ready to put the pedal to the metal, was optimistic about the ride.

"I haven't been biking in a while either and ... Rollerblading didn't work out too well for me. I figure biking, I know what to do," she said confidently.

So, with the ocean breeze in their hair and smiles on their faces, the pair set off.

The bike path is really more like a wide sidewalk that winds its way along the beach between the soaring palm trees. Cruising along on a bike is a great way to check out the funky atmosphere of Venice Beach — but what fun would it be without a few stops along the way?

On Ocean Front Walk, which runs parallel to the bike path, the sights abound.

Arnold Schwarzenegger may not be there pumping iron anymore but Muscle Beach is still worth a look. The outdoor gym offers a chance to watch body builders in action, and for a few bucks you can lift some weights yourself.

If the ride or workout makes you hungry, make a pit stop at the nearby Jody Maroni's Sausage Kingdom. The chain is well known across Southern California, but according to Jody's website it was on the Venice Beach boardwalk where the "haut dog" was born.

A menu listing more than 24 varieties of gourmet sausage, along with grilled onions and peppers, might make your mouth water.

Give your tush a break and open up your wallet for some eclectic artwork — doesn't everyone need a painting of the Last Supper with Jesus dressed as Superman? — or handmade jewelry.

With all the shopping and performances trying to grab your attention, it could be easy to forget the natural scenery. This is the beach, after all, where rays of sunshine glisten off the waves as they pound into the shore.

But don't sink your toes into the sand just yet. Keep riding until you reach the boundary where Venice ends and Santa Monica begins. You'll know as soon as you hit the spot — the street vendors are suddenly left behind and the famous Santa Monica Pier looms in the distance.

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Experiencing the West Coast lifestyle

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This is a great location to get off the bike, plop yourself on the sand and just soak in the sights.

Venice Beach is said to be at its lively best during the spring and summer, but a recent visit proves the winter off-season has its perks too. The water might be too cold for a dip, but the beach will be largely your own.

Sit. Relax. Watch the few brave souls in wetsuits catch the waves on surfboards.

But your ride isn't over yet. Push the pedals a little longer and head north toward the Santa Monica Pier and the amusement park. Yes, the amusement park is over water. Take a spin on the ferris wheel - the first solar-powered wheel in the world, according to the Santa Monica visitors bureau — or head for the thrill of the roller coaster.

The Santa Monica Pier is celebrating its 100th anniversary and the party is on. The official anniversary is in September, but officials say festivities are planned all year.

Maria Losch, a public relations representative for the Santa Monica visitors bureau, says the pier is one of the biggest draws in the Los Angeles area. Losch says renting a bike on the pier end of the boardwalk is popular with tourists. "They want to experience the whole lifestyle of the West Coast," Losch said.

"They will rent bikes for the day and ride up and down the boardwalk, from the very north end of Santa Monica Beach all the way into Venice and back."

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Cyclists ride along a bike path at Venice Beach in Los Angeles. On one side is a wide swath of beach, and on the other, a mishmash of cafés, street performers and vendors.

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Wonder what they'll grow up to be
Jenna Jameson has named her twins. The former adult film star and mixed martial arts fighter Tito Ortiz have named their babies Jesse Jameson and Journey Jett, according to femalefirst.co.uk. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Willis preparing to wed?

MARRIAGE Is Bruce Willis ready to walk down the aisle again? People.com says that according to a source, the actor and his girlfriend, model Emma Heming, are planning an intimate wedding this week in Turks & Caicos where the actor owns a home.

As rumours of possible nuptials have surfaced online, Willis's ex-wife Demi Moore and her husband, Ashton Kutcher — who both maintain a close friendship with Willis — arrived on the island Saturday, according to another source.

Meanwhile, according to an island source, a block of ocean view rooms and private villas have been reserved for Willis' guests at a hotel near the actor's home. There is also another reason for Willis to celebrate: The actor, who has been dating Heming, 32, since last year, turned 54 yesterday. Willis' rep had no comment, people.com adds.

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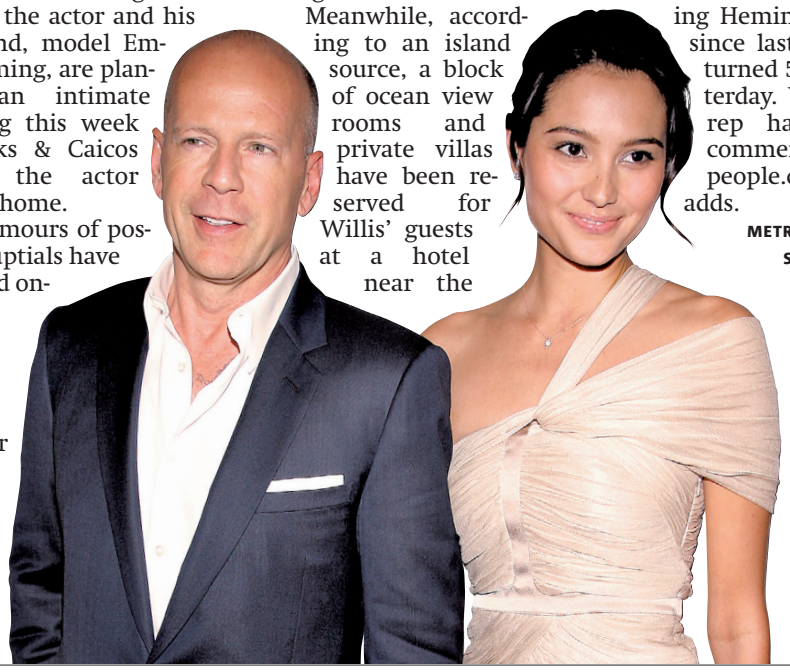

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Franco stalked on campus

OEIOKE James Franco is being hounded by fans at Columbia University, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Pineapple Express actor — who is studying for a master of fine arts degree in writing at the college — is finding it hard to walk around as there are always hoards of eager girls trying to catch a glimpse of him.

A source said: "Now that girls have figured out his schedule, every week there's a bigger crowd outside his lectures waiting just to see him leave. It's getting to be that there are so many people, it's embarrassing."

A university representative refused to comment on reports extra security teams will now be posted outside the actor's classes. The spokesman said: "We don't comment on matters of pop culture."

The 30-year-old actor graduated with a degree in English from the University of California, Los Angeles, last year. He then moved to New York to study at Columbia and at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where he takes filmmaking classes.

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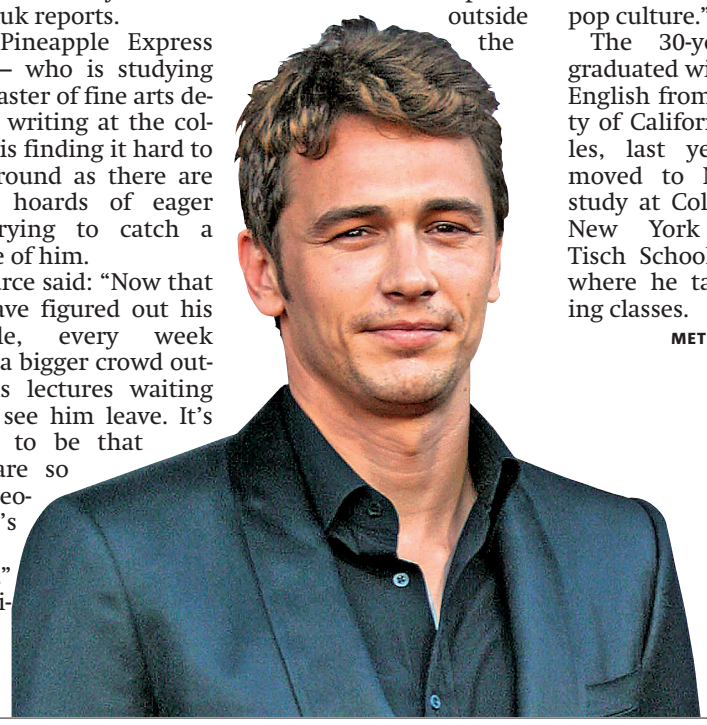

Co-star denying tryst with Rimes

AFFAIR Eddie Cibrian is fighting back against a report that claims he's having an affair with Northern Lights co-star LeAnn Rimes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"It is a fabricated story that is using random snapshots as connective tissue to create a scandalous relationship," Cibrian says in a statement first obtained by Access Hollywood. A Rimes friend tells People the country star, 26, and Cibrian, 35 — who is married with two sons — are not in a relationship.

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Ex says he's sorry

DIVORCE Marilyn Manson has told ex-wife Dita Von Teese he made "a big mistake," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The burlesque performer claims her former spouse regularly contacts her to apologize for the breakdown of their year-long marriage. Von Teese, who cited irreconcilable differences when she filed for divorce in 2006, said: "He has been in touch a little. The apologies come, and he was like, 'I made a big mistake.'"

The brunette beauty has previously spoken out about her decision to split from the goth rocker, claiming she couldn't support his "partying or relationship with another girl." It is believed Manson was having an affair with now-girlfriend actress Evan Rachel Wood.

Von Teese is unimpressed by Manson's attempts to repair the rift between them and is keen to move on with her life.

She added to Inked magazine: "I'm like, 'Yeah, yeah, I know. Go ahead and say what you need to say to feel better and to sleep at night.'"

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Mayer snuffs rumours of Aniston tell-all book

DENIAL John Mayer's publicist was quick to quash rumors started by Star magazine that the singer was contemplating writing a steamy tell-all about his time with Jennifer Aniston.

The magazine had reported that Mayer "can't keep his mouth shut" and was ready to spill some dirty secrets — like about how Aniston once called him "Brad" while in bed. Well, it turns out Mayer is no rat. "It is Star Magazine that is the rat, and they should be ashamed of the disgusting story they've written," Mayer's rep said in a statement to Access Hollywood.

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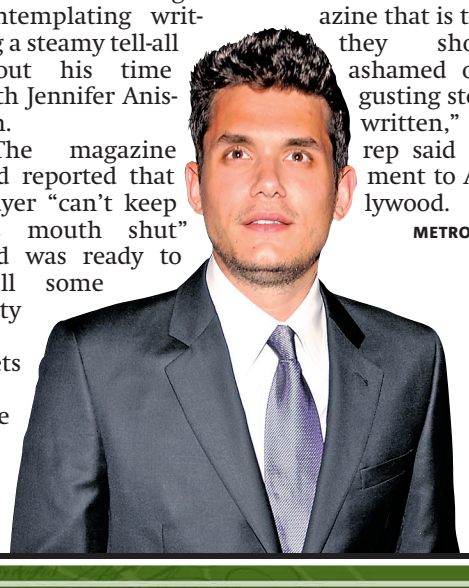

Show me the money: Britney

BOOK Britney Spears turned down a $3-million US autobiography deal, because she wants more money, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Spears rejected multi-million dollar offers from executives at publishing houses HarperCollins, Random House and Little Brown — because they were a lot less than she expected. According to insiders, Spears is seeking a figure closer to $8 million, source tells Us Weekly, "She was hoping for much more money."

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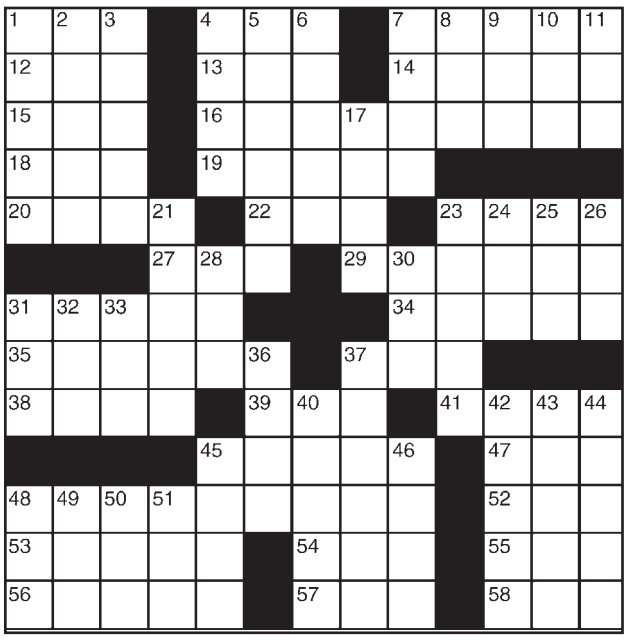

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Suitable
4 Journal
7 Boasts
12 "Skip to My —"
13 Gorilla
14 Kidney-related
15 Under the weather
16 Eartha Kitt classic
18 — -relief
19 Calamari
20 Mosul's land
22 Work with
23 Crow's-nest cry
27 Multi-purpose truck
29 St. George's foe
31 Eagle's digs
34 "William Tell," e.g.
35 Plays for time
37 Royal insomnia cause
38 Huff and puff
39 "— the fields we go"
41 Galvanizing stuff
45 Dutch bloom
47 Long March leader
48 California city
52 Pump up the volume
53 Trojan War king
54 Luau side dish
55 "Gosh!"
56 Shrill barks
57 Conclusion
58 Mag. staffers

Crossword down

1 Excuse
2 On top of the world?
3 Oklahoma city
4 Colleen
5 Not transparent
6 Category
7 Actor Pitt
8 C.S.A. soldier
9 Literary collection
10 Chatter away
11 Crafty
17 Even
21 Colourful coverlet
23 Bolivian city
24 Census datum
25 Neither partner
26 "CSI" evidence
28 — Aviv
30 Caviar, essentially
31 Cleo's slayer
32 Greek vowel
33 Operated
36 Acerbic
37 Pen
40 Split to form a bond?
42 Mirror's offering
43 Appointed
44 Manages somehow
45 Midlothian millinery
46 Settled up
48 Agent
49 Exist
50 Zero
51 Spigot

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Salmon Cakes with Creamy Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:
1/4 cup (50 ml) sun-dried tomatoes (not oil packed)
4 garlic cloves, peeled
1/3 cup (75 ml) plain fat-free yogurt
1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot red pepper sauce
1 large baking potato, thinly sliced
1 can (14 3/4 ounces) pink salmon, drained
2 tbsp (25 ml) plus H cup plain dried bread crumbs
1/2 cup minced fresh dill
1 tbsp (15 ml) capers, rinsed and drained
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil

METHOD:
1. Cook sun-dried tomatoes and 2 garlic cloves in small pot of boiling water for 3 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/3 cup (75 ml) cooking liquid. Transfer tomatoes and garlic to mini food processor. Add reserved cooking liquid, yogurt and hot pepper sauce, and purée.
2. Meanwhile, cook potato and remaining 2 garlic cloves in medium pot of boiling water until tender, about 7 minutes. Drain and transfer to large bowl. With potato masher, mash potato and garlic.
3. Stir in salmon, 2 tbsp (25 ml) bread crumbs, dill, capers and salt. Shape salmon mixture into 8 cakes.
4. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Dredge salmon cakes in remaining 1/2 cup bread crumbs. Add to skillet and sauté until golden brown and heated through, about 3 minutes per side. Serve with tomato sauce.

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You'll know when to do the right thing. People count on you to teach a good lesson. Ask a dumbfounded person to be patient.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Disregard fear and take action. A big mouth won't care about being overheard. Prosperity will astound disapproving parents.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone is trying to take advantage of you. Someone who adores you makes your dreams come true. You can be rather demanding about work.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your attitude can make or break a reunion. Time is running out to make a correction. A power surge enables you to communicate your needs.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Be scrupulous in organizing domestic affairs. Be tolerant of a family's reactions. Be glad that you listened to a sad anecdote.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A severe argument leads to depression. Be understanding when someone seems to have lost his mind. Get back to the basics.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
It's not possible to be too considerate. Someone is practical about a pathetic cry for help. A literal-minded person mocks your foibles.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A trustworthy champion wants more say in the future. Tension will give way to joy. You'll find a new way to win someone over.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A versatile warrior gets singled out for praise. You'll realize that someone misses you. Confusion comes from a challenging opinion.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A brooding man makes a shocking prediction. A domineering worker seeks a companion. You contribute to other people's easy spirits.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Find your way out of a strange situation. A friend shows the power of unconditional love. You'll single-handedly clear the air.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't let anyone down. You can follow your dream or be miserable. Someone's fears are rising to the surface.

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